

FMB Hears City Evangelism Plan

RICHMOND (BP) — A "more comprehensive endeavor to evangelize the major cities of the world through total penetration and saturation" was proposed at the March meeting of the Foreign Mission Board here by the board's consultant in evangelism and church development.

Joseph B. Underwood, in a prepared address at board headquarters said, "Major leadership in the campaign should come from national pastors and laymen. The role of the Foreign Mission Board, as well as that of the many guests to be invited must always be supportive, never supplanting."

Underwood stressed that the evangelistic campaigns must strengthen the total world mission program by contributing to the strengthening of the total life of the churches. "Any fractional approach should be avoided," he added.

Phase one of the proposed plan would take 12 to 18 months and would emphasize teaching and training national Christians for effective witnessing and church leadership. A key to the success of the crusade, according to Underwood, will be leadership and teacher training.

"A special aim will be the establishment, both before and after the campaigns, of hundreds of home Bible study fellowships," he said. "We expect to penetrate every geographic and economic area of the city, from the wealthiest apartment edifices to the humblest ghetto areas."

The objective of phase two is to infiltrate all the cultural and vocational segments of society with a Christian witness. Christian doctors, lawyers, professors, artists, musicians, bankers, industrialists, athletes, astronauts, scientists, economists and psychologists, will "zero in" on target groups of the same specialty or

vocational interest as theirs, sharing a Christian message.

"The number of potential target groups is almost unlimited," Underwood said.

Additionally, a mass media campaign will operate simultaneously, utilizing available radio, television and print media.

Week - Long Campaign
After this work has been completed, Underwood's plan calls for a week - long campaign to be held in a central stadium, coliseum or assembly hall, involving all Baptist churches in the evangelistic area.

Special Bible study conferences, music clinics, personal evangelism conferences and continued training sessions, would be held in the mornings.

The afternoons would be devoted to personal witnessing, while the evening session would feature the main evangelists, along with a mass choir of local Baptists, which Underwood called "a must."

The second week of the campaign would be characterized by simultaneous campaigns in all city churches, to carry through with the results from the first week of evangelism.

"This should be a week of tremendous reaping," he said.

Followup is the fourth stage. Admitting that followup is "always the weakest point in any evangelistic crusade," Underwood implied this weakness could be overcome by having a seven - week period of supervised counseling and witnessing, "leading to commitment, discipleship and growth."

Cliffing the importance of cooperative efforts in overseas evangelism campaigns, Underwood concluded, "No one can imagine a victory by Gideon's 300 if each man had exclaimed, 'I am a Baptist. I am independent. I will do my thing in my own way.' It was when the 300 worked together as one man that God gave the victory."

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Graham Team Slates Classes For Crusade

A series of Christian Life and Witness Classes, a training program for the approaching Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade, will be held for four consecutive weeks beginning the week of Monday, March 31-April 4.

The course, to be taught by three members of the Graham team, is offered to train counselors for the Crusade which will be held in the Memorial Stadium May 11-18.

There is no charge for the course and everyone is welcome to attend. All those who plan to be counselor or serve in any capacity during the Crusade are urged to attend one class each week at the most convenient location.

Those attending are also asked to bring a Bible, notebook, and pen.

Dr. Graham has stated that along with prayer these classes are the most vital part of preparation for the crusade and that all church members should avail themselves of the opportunity of taking this training.

The three members of the Graham team to conduct the course are Charles Riggs, Jack Cousins, and Norman Sanders.

Mr. Riggs is director of counseling and follow-up for the Graham Crusades and has been associated with the organization since 1952.

He is a native of Olean, N. Y., and received his education at Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Wash. and Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Mr. Riggs worked in oil fields for seven years up to 1942 and then served the next four in the Army, the last two as an officer. He became associated with the Navigators, an evangelical group, while in the Army and later

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WMU Convention Meets At Woodland Hills, Jackson

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
"There are no bargain counters in communicating the love of Christ. It costs full price." Dr. Baker James Cauthen told the crowd assembled for the Woman's

Denomination To Focus On The Church Ordinances

NASHVILLE — As part of the Denominational emphasis on "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place," Southern Baptist Churches are being urged to focus on the observance of the church ordinances — baptism and the Lord's Supper — on Sunday evening, April 6.

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Missionary Convention last Tuesday afternoon. "Some women say, 'I'm just a housewife.' Some men say 'I'm just a layman.' You are all God's messengers walking around in shoe leather!"

The convention met March 18

and 19 at Woodland Hills church in Jackson, Rev. Al Finch, pastor.

Rev. James Richardson, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, introduced Dr. Cauthen as "Mister Missionary." The

term could fit no one better, for he was missionary to China, then head of mission work in the Orient, and for many years has been executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He said, "It's been worth the trip to Mississippi just to share the meeting we have just had."

He referred to a luncheon for parents of Mississippi missionaries in which the guests shared personal insights concerning their own lives and those of their missionary children. Usually the mothers of missionaries are invited, but this time the fathers had been included, too, and over thirty parents had come.

"Maybe we ought to think more about the missionary parents," Dr. Cauthen said. "Sometimes we think only of the missionaries going. It is easier to go away than to see a great part of your heart go away. We see in the lives of those who have sent them away a great sense of sharing."

As Dr. Cauthen spoke on the subject of "Sharing Christ's Love Around the World," he said, "After a disaster, people ask if there is a God, what kind of God is he? The missionary goes to a people

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Joint Session To Open SBC Women's, Pastors' Meetings

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) will highlight the denomination's missions efforts as the women open their June 8-9, 1975, meeting here in a joint Sunday evening session with the Pastor's Conference. The joint session will begin at 7 p.m. in the Miami Beach Convention Center, North Hall, according to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of WMU,

and James L. Pleitz, president of the Pastors Conference. It will precede the Southern Baptist Convention here.

The program will also be highlighted by a foreign missionary commissioning service led by Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Va. executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Special music for the joint sessions and for other WMU sessions

will be brought by the Samford University, A Cappella Choir, under the direction of L. Gene Black, Birmingham, Ala., with Claude H. Rhea Jr., dean of the Samford school of music, leading congregational music.

Solos in the meeting will be by Aelmiko Inuma, Japanese lyric-coloratura soprano of New York City.

Rhea and Betty Sue Shephard, pianist, of the Samford faculty, will bring meditation music. Organist will be Mrs. Charles Walker of Miami, Fla.

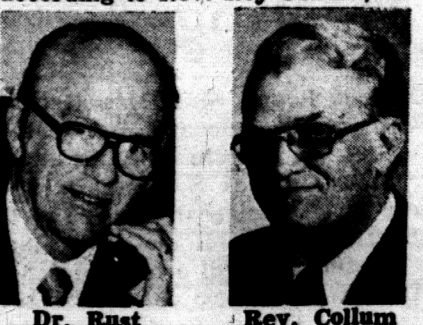
The WMU will move to South Hall in the Miami Beach Convention Center for their Monday sessions, set for 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The morning session will feature an address, "One World, One Woman's Witness," by Kitty Blissett, US-2 missionary in Waterbury, Conn., a report by the new WMU Executive Secretary Carolyn Weatherford, a message by Dr. and Mrs. August Lovegren, Southern Baptist missionaries to Jordan, and election of WMU officers.

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Eight Area Evangelism Conferences Scheduled

Eight area evangelism conferences are scheduled in Mississippi during April and early in May, according to Rev. Roy Collum, di-



Dr. East



Rev. Collum

rector of the Evangelism Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Each of the conferences will be one-session meetings during the evening in order that working pastors, laymen, women, and

young people might attend, Rev. Collum said.

The theme is "Evangelism in Your Church."

Four conferences for North Mississippi will be held at earlier dates. Each will begin at 7 p.m. They are April 14, First Church, Starkville; April 15, East Heights Church, Tupelo; Rev. Charles Steele, pastor; April 17, Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale; Rev. Lucius Marion, pastor; and April 18, First Church, Greenwood, Dr. Clifton Perkins, pastor.

At each of these conferences Dr. Ray Rust, executive vice-president of New Orleans Seminary, will be the inspirational speaker. Rev. Collum will also speak at each on "Yours for Effective

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Views On Religious Issues

High School Leaders: 88% Believe 'There Is A God Or Supreme Being'

NORTHBROOK, ILL. (RNS) — A national survey of high school student leaders reveals that 88 per cent of them believe "there is a God or a supreme being" and 82 per cent "feel religion is relevant in today's society."

The survey, conducted by Who's Who Among American High School Students, also shows that 74 per cent of the top students consider themselves members

of an organized religion and 86 per cent attend religious services either regularly or occasionally.

Religion was one of 23 general topics covered in the fifth annual survey by Who's Who. Questionnaires were sent by the Northbrook - centered organization to the 70,000 of the 236,000 student achievers whose names appear in its 1974 edition.

Some 23,000 responses were received, forming the basis for the latest survey. Of the total, 50 per cent were Protestant, 32 per cent Catholic, 3 per cent Jewish, less than 1 per cent "other." Caucasians comprised 89 per cent, Negro 6 per cent, "others" 2 per cent.

Belief In God

A breakdown of religious affiliation disclosed that belief in God or a supreme being was expressed by 94 per cent of Protestants, 92 per cent of Catholics, 48 per cent of Jews, and 45 per cent of "others."

According to race, 88 per cent of Caucasians, 93 per cent of Negroes, and 92 per cent of "others" are "believers."

Religion is felt to be relevant by 87 per cent of Protestant high school leaders, 83 per cent of Catholics, 61 per cent of Jews and 100 per cent of "others."

Students attending church-related schools were found to be more supportive of religion, as would be expected, than those attending public or private schools. For example, 95 per cent of parochial, 89 per cent of public and 80 per cent of private school leaders

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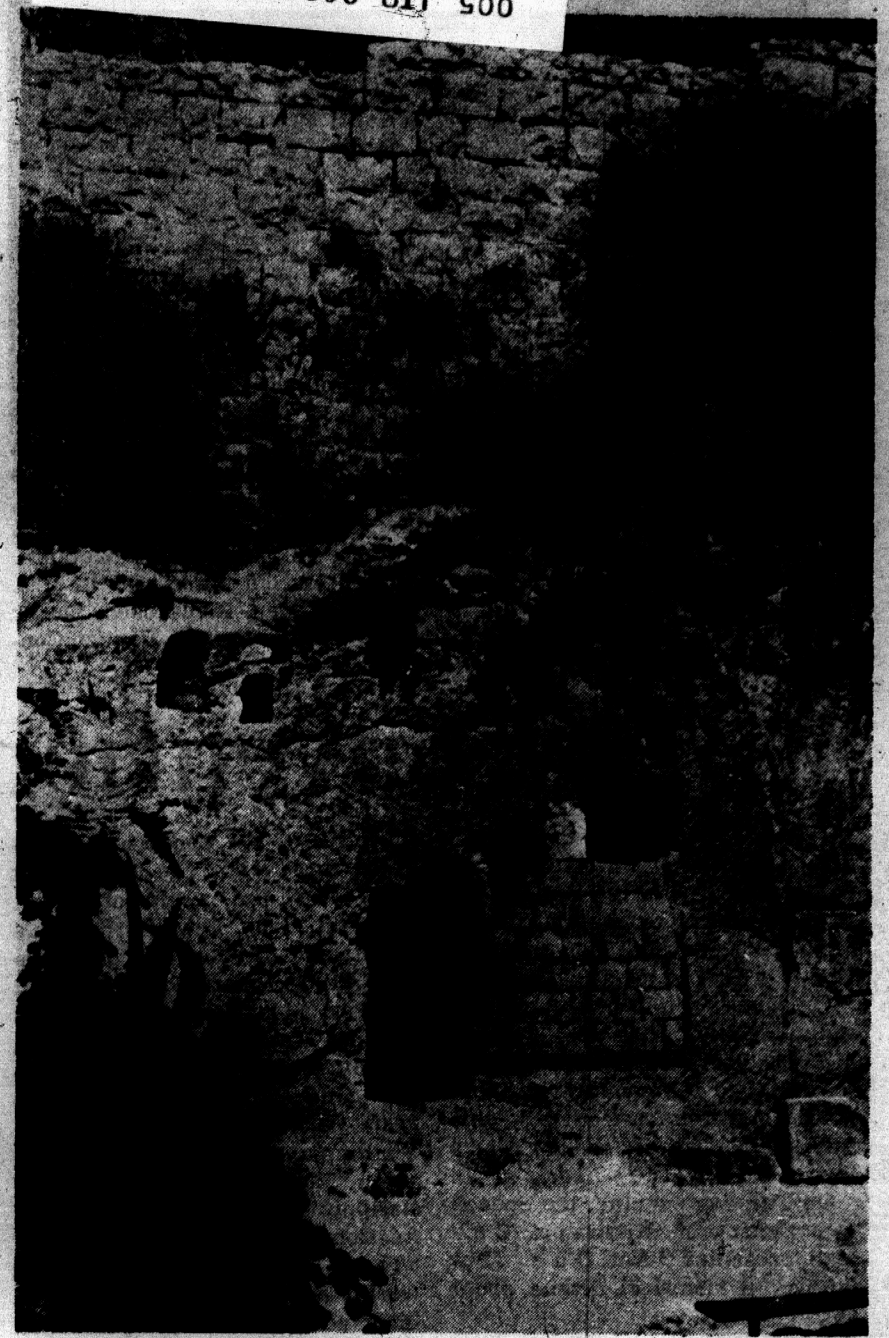
State Day Care Clinic Set For Alta Woods

A state-wide Day Care Training Clinic, April 15, at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, will be sponsored by the state Sunday School Department. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. This meeting is designed for workers in a church Weekday Early Education program. This would include Day Care, Nursery School, Kindergarten programs. Staff members or others who may be interested in such a program are cordially invited.

There will not be a charge or registration fee in order to attend. A meal will be served at the church for \$2. Reservations for lunch and for the meeting should be made by April 10 with the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

There will be a choice of two conferences. Each will be led by a well-qualified and well-trained leader in preschool education. The conference leaders are Gary Foll,

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The Empty Tomb

(RNS Photo)



Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, left rear, gets in on a family reunion of sorts during the WMU convention last week. Across the front row are, left to right, the Lewis Myers family with son, Mike, a student at Mississippi College, at left. The Myers are missionaries to Vietnam. All three appeared on the convention program. In the center is Mrs. James Richardson, who is Mrs. Myers' sister. Rev. Richardson, pastor of First Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is at right rear.



Two Mississippi pastors who are on the Foreign Mission Board, visit with Dr. Baker James Cauthen, board executive secretary, during the WMU convention. Dr. John Lee Taylor, right, pastor of First Church, Grenada, shakes Dr. Cauthen's hand. Rev. James Richardson, pastor of First Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, stands next to Dr. Cauthen. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Taylor stand between their husbands. Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria, is at left.



Mrs. Robert Smira, right, president of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, hands a check for \$400 to Paul Vandercook, missionary for the Jackson and Gulf Coast associations to language groups. Mrs. Vandercook stands at left. The check came from a special WMU offering for newly appointed missionaries. It is \$200 for each person.

WMU Convention Meets At Woodland Hills

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who desperately need him to come, and in his life and ministry they begin to see the love of Christ shine out. They see that God is a God of love."

Dr. Cauthen told of the quarter million dollars that the Foreign Mission Board has appropriated for relief to the country of Bangladesh, and emphasized that this was another way of sharing God's love.

On Tuesday evening, the Speech Department of Mississippi College presented "Not One But Many," a historical drama about

1st, Oxford, Calls

Lewis G. Sewell

As 31st Pastor

First Church, Oxford, voted Sunday morning, March 16, to call Dr. Lewis G. Sewell as pastor.

Dr. Sewell, who is presently Dean of Religious Affairs, Union University, Jackson, TN, accepted the call and has tendered his resignation with that institution. It is expected that he will assume work at Oxford on April 1.



He will become the 31st pastor of this 133-year-old church, which was founded in 1842. Rev. Wayne Coleman resigned as pastor in the fall of 1973 and is now assistant pastor of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson.

Dr. Sewell was reared in Newbern, TN. He was graduated from Newbern High School, where he was active in basketball and football — earning five letters. In 1962 he received the B.A. degree from Union University and later served in the Air Force for three years. He then entered New Orleans Seminary where he received the B.D. and Th.D. degrees. He served as a teaching assistant to Dr. R. E. Glaze in New Testament and Greek at this institution.

While in college he organized the Mifflin Church, Jackson, TN and was pastor at Burnsville, MS. As a seminary student he served in Louisiana and at Fair River Church, Brookhaven.

Between the time that he received the B.D. degree and the beginning of doctoral studies he served Meadville Church.

His wife is the former Billie Jean Thomas, native of Pontotoc. Mrs. Sewell earned the Master of Social Work degree from Tulane and has varied experience in this field.

The Sewells have three children — Tommy, 12; Lauren, 7; and Jeanna, 4.

Buddhist As Senate Chaplain Draws

Protest From Baptist

EL MONTE, Calif. (EP)—The pastor of a church in this Los Angeles suburb has urged California's 276,000 Southern Baptists to protect the appointment of a Buddhist priest as state Senate chaplain.

The Rev. Jack Johnson, writing in the California Southern Baptist magazine, noted, "In a day when so few things remain sacred... we see still another of the eternal truths being trampled... the existence of the one God."

Since Buddhists do not invoke the blessings of a deity in the Judeo-Christian sense, the Rev. Johnson explained, "there is no justification for an idol worshipper serving as Senate chaplain."

Last month, the Rev. Shoko Masunaga, 58, was approved without objections by the Senate Rules Committee to a one year term as chaplain. He is the first Buddhist clergyman ever to serve in that capacity.

the birth of the Cooperative Program fifty years ago, and about the growth and results of that program. Judy Lewis wrote the script, and directed the presentation. Student narrators were Pat Dickson, Moss Point; Cynthia Stevens, Hattiesburg; Mark Coon, Clinton; Jane Fortenberry, Summit; Gina Applewhite, MK, Indonesia, and Mike Myers, MK, Vietnam.

On "Sharing His Love in Mississippi," Rev. Paul Vandercook, missionary to the Gulf Coast, said, "There are three areas of my work—the American Indians, the international military personnel, and the port ministry. Already this year I have had contacts with people from 28 countries."

He said, "In each of the ports of Gulfshore and Pascagoula there will be as many as 350 ships per year. This means 700 ships from all over the world will dock on Mississippi coast this year. On these will come 25,000 to 30,000 seamen, some from countries where Southern Baptists are not allowed to send missionaries." He told of a Rumanian deck officer who had been converted recently and who had asked that Bibles be sent to him in Rumania.

Mr. Vandercook said, "There are storms at sea, but the storms in men's lives can be much worse than the storms at sea. These people on the ships have the same problems we do here, but added to that, they are thousands of miles away from their homes. We need to share with them Christ's love."

At the beginning of each convention session, a different missionary told of events experienced in answer to prayers. Lewis Myers, Vietnam, spoke at a time when news had just come of the fall of northern South Vietnam. He reported that Southern Baptist missionaries had moved to places of safety. He asked for prayers for the people and missionaries in that country. He said, "We are grateful for prayer support. When trouble comes, we have the comfort of the Foreign Board's telegram, 'We will stand behind you whatever you do.' We know that there are grandparents and others in the States who would take care of our children in the event we did not return. But many of the people of Vietnam don't have anybody to stand by to give them aid and comfort and to pick up the

pieces of broken lives. We need to pray for them."

Betty Hart, Chile, in talking of her prayer experiences, said, "God's will will never lead you where his grace cannot sustain you. While under the Marxist regime we heard that meat was on sale, went with ration card and bought some—it looked like steak—took home and ate a piece. It was delicious. Next morning's headline announced, 'Antofagasta Eats Horse Meat'—but it tasted good!"

Others who told of their prayer experiences were Harry Riley, Taiwan, and Mrs. James Young, Yemen.

On Tuesday afternoon, two missionary couples discussed their plans for returning this summer to fields of service where they will be "Sharing His Love in Lands to the South." Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Frederick while on furlough have been living in the Missionary home of Woodland Hills Church. They expect to go back to Guadeloupe about May 30. Rev. and Mrs. John Jacobs, formerly missionaries to Guyana, have been spending their furlough time at Newton. They are waiting now to see if their applications are approved for entry into Dominica.

If they are approved, they will be the first resident missionaries on the island.

Mrs. Lewis Myers, Vietnam, and Mrs. Harry Riley, Taiwan, talked about "Sharing His Love Through Missionary Homes."

Beverly Hammack, associate in the Christian Social Ministries Department of the Home Mission Board, introduced some challenging ideas on "Sharing His Love Through Mission Action."

In the opening session on Tuesday, Dr. James Young spoke on "Sharing His Love in Yemen"—through medical work, and in the closing session on Wednesday afternoon, Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Nigeria, spoke on "Sharing His Love Through Student Work." Both these powerful major addresses were packed with emotional appeal.

Dr. Young presented dramatic illustrations from the lives of women in Yemen. He told of a young Muslim girl who said, "When I grow up I hope I may be a Christian because Christian men treat their wives so much better than our men do."

"In a Muslim society," he said, "it is still perfectly legitimate for men to have as many as four wives at one time. Most marriages are still arranged by parents. Girls wear veils until after the wedding. Men do not see their wives until after the wedding."

He said, "If it were not for the medical care that we give, we could not be in Yemen. I pray that as we see sick people, even in a hurry, that they will be able to see Jesus through what the doctors and others in the hospital do."

He told of one group of patients who have been of deep concern to him—women who have come to the clinic for medical attention after having spent six to eight or even ten days in labor before the birth of child. Some babies die, and the mothers' bodies are badly damaged. Sometimes they never have any medical attention.

Women And Pastors To Open With Joint Meeting

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Florida, will welcome the WMU crowd and give an address.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Everett Deffine, Baptist Young Women director for WMU in Arizona will speak on "One World, One Woman's Witness."

And Paul Adkins, director of Christian social ministries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will lead a presentation by his department based on the meeting theme, "One World, One Woman's Witness."

Dr. Young said, "Recently the Lord has blessed us in a way for which we have been praying for a long time. We went for many years without many baptisms or professions of faith. Then a Christian Arab from Lebanon came to Yemen, feeling God wanted him to preach to the Muslims. He has been able to reach his fellow Arabs."

"When we left Yemen, 18 had been baptized, most of them in the bath tub of a mission apartment. The work is slow, but God is blessing the sharing of his word."

In speaking of her work with students at the university in Ibadan, Nigeria, Mary Frank Kirkpatrick declared that her love for her students is fully as great as any love she could ever have had for any children of her own. In a forceful and inspirational way she gave examples of students who have shared Christ's love in Nigeria.

For this convention, Mrs. Louie Odom of Jackson was in charge of the music. At the beginning of each session she sang, "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit." On Wednesday evening, before the historical drama, First Church, Clinton's Handbell Choir presented special music under direction of Mrs. Bill Baker.

An unusual feature spotlighted the different organizations of Woman's Missionary Union Association. In the WMU Department presented these in an effective way: Baptist Women, Ethel McKeithen; Mission Friends, Waudine Storey; Baptist Young Women,

en, Frances Shaw; Girls in Action, Waudine Storey; Acteens, Marilyn Hopkins.

This was Mrs. Robert Smira's first year to preside as state WMU president. From First Church, Jackson, she was elected last year at the convention in Starkville. Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi WMU, was in charge of overall plans and preparations for the convention.

Mrs. Lee N. Allen, of Birmingham, assistant executive secretary, WMU, SBC, delivered addresses on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. "Women's roles are drastically changing," she said, "whether we like it or not. WMU can help us cope in this time of uncertainty. All kinds of women—the Marys and Marthas of our day—can find fulfillment in WMU."

Easter TV

Special To Trace

Religious Heritage

Southern Baptists will share joint sponsorship with other major faith groups in an hour long special to be telecast at 12 noon, Central Daylight Time on Easter Sunday, March 30, it was announced this week by the American Broadcasting Company.

Entitled "The Right To Believe," the program will trace the nation's religious heritage.

State Day Care Clinic

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who will guide the workers of babies, creepers, and toddlers, and Bill Halbert who will teach the workers of three, four, and five year olds. Foll is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary. He is an author for several Preschool periodicals published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. He is presently an associate in the state Sunday School Department of South Carolina in charge of Preschool work.

Mr. Bill Halbert is the Weekday Early Education Consultant for the Sunday School Department in

Nashville. He is the author of the "Church Weekday Early Education Director's Guide" and contributes regularly to the Church Administration Magazine. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Southern Seminary, and George Peabody College. Mr. Halbert is presently working on his doctorate in Early Childhood Education.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide help in curriculum planning, programming, and good teaching procedures. Basic concepts will be given which will guide each teacher to provide more effective learning experiences for her children.

Focus On The Ordinances

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A new booklet, "Worship Experiences for CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place," will provide enrichment ideas for celebration of both baptism and the Lord's Supper, said Howard Fosse, secretary of the Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department. This booklet—item number 9528-0874—is listed on the church literature order form. It may also be obtained by writing the board's Materials Services Department, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

Directors of associational mis-

sions are being asked to distribute church report forms to every church in each association. Information obtained through these church reports will be used to determine the involvement of Southern Baptists in reaching people with the gospel, baptizing new Christians, and observing the Lord's Supper during the emphasis.

Churches not receiving a report form could contact the local director of associational missions or the church ministries section of the board's church administration department.



This Is Possible Because Of The Cooperative Program

This morning my day began before 5:00 a.m. as I awoke to the sounds of the early morning traffic and shouts from the busy street below my window. It was good to be awake and look forward to the day even though I knew my work would be limited because my Volkswagen was being repaired. This is the car assigned to me by the Mission that is made possible by your gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. (I can't separate the two because they both are very important to our work.) At 7:10 I took a taxi to the post office, then another taxi to one of our pastor's homes where we made plans for our work. Then I took another taxi to the Baptist Student Center where I live and work. I had walked half way back home when I hailed the third taxi. This brief experience caused me to thank God again for the car which makes my work so much easier.

When I reached the Student Center the plumber and his assistant needed my approval on the job he was doing for me. After that I had a time of prayer with my two helpers in the Center asking God to help us to witness to all who come today. When the plumber and assistant came in my office for their pay, we asked them if they wanted to know Jesus as Saviour. God had prepared their hearts and they both were saved. We gave them tracts and a New Testament each. They accepted them eagerly. We could give these materials because you gave. A short time later three students accepted Jesus as Saviour. These five make almost 700 who have accepted Christ as Saviour in our Center since January, 1973. This is possible because you gave. Your gifts paid the rent on the building and bought the equipment and materials we use daily including the Bibles used in our daily devotions.

At 1:00 I took a taxi to the place my Volkswagen is being serviced. (It will not be ready until tomorrow.) Then I took another taxi to check on the printers who are doing some work for me. (That work will be ready tomorrow too.) As I walked back to the center greeting the people in the shops and along the streets, my heart was filled with gratitude because I can be here in Onitsha, Nigeria. Your gifts have made this possible by bringing me here and providing the materials with which I need to work daily. I can't name everything made possible by the Cooperative Program. There are too numerous, but I do want to mention how grateful I am for my refrigerator. I've just had a cold drink of water after coming in from the dust and sun. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program paid the freight charges that brought it from Mississippi. I thank God for you who give through the Cooperative Program.

Emogene Harris
Onitsha, Nigeria



Dr. Ellis Accepts Call To New York

Dr. Wesley Ellis, pastor for more than five years of Handboro Church, Gulfport, has resigned effective April 7 to accept the pastorate of the Vassar Road Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., eighty miles up the Hudson River north of New York City.

Dr. Ellis is serving as president of the Gulf Coast Baptist Ministers' Conference; member of the Missions Finance Committee and History Committee of Gulf Coast Association; member and associate chairman of Joint Missions Committee for Greater Gulf Coast Language Ministries; member of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and chairman of the New Church Expansion Committee of the Board.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis and their 4 boys, Kelly, Nate, Greg, and Chad, expect to move to New York in mid-April.

Poughkeepsie, county seat of Dutchess County, has population of about 250,000. The Vassar Road Church, with a membership of about 360, is the only Southern Baptist church within 20 miles.

Mission Board, SBC; Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, missionary, and Seminole Indians from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Jack E. Goldfarb, director of evangelism for First Baptist Church, Homestead, Fla. Testimonies will also include A. D. Dawson, executive director of the Gulf Stream Baptist Association, Miss.; Kwong Wah Lan, Chinese Pastor from Miami, Fla.; Slavis and Haitian; members of Central Baptist Church in Miami; and James H. Landes, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Administrators Are Told They Oversee "God's Business"



New Officers, Baptist Business Officers

Wilson Beardsley, seated right, Del City, Okla., is the new general chairman of the Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers. Janie Neal, seated left, continues as secretary and treasurer. Standing left to right are chairmen of various institutional subgroups within the conference. They are Charles Williams, Waco, Tex., hospitals and homes for aging; W. E. Young, Beeville, Tex., children's homes; Robert C. Noland, Jr., Arlington, Tex., churches; Glen A. Jenkins, Nashville, educational institutions; Martha A. Grove, Brentwood, Tenn., state conventions; and Hettie P. Johnson, Atlanta, Southern Baptist Convention agencies. They were elected at the annual association meeting held at the SBC Annuity Board headquarters in Dallas. (BP Photo)

DALLAS (BP) — Church business administrators are "managers or overseers of the biggest business in the world — God's business," the annual Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers was told here.

C. W. Scudder, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, reminded administrators to avoid two hazards. First, he said, they must not consider the denomination an end in itself, but rather realize its power comes from the church. Second, they must be aware the denomination is not in some way over the churches.

"Avoid trying to standardize churches and pastors according to some pattern or image we have developed," he said.

Church business administrators, Scudder said, perform a ministry that supports all other ministries. The apostle Paul, he told some 150 participants, recognizes administration among the spiritual gifts cited in Chapters 12 and 13 of First Corinthians in the New Testament.

Theological grounds for the ministry of business administration, Scudder continued, are always "related to the mission of

the church... and the lordship of Jesus Christ.

"The church is to be an efficient, functioning institution as well as a spiritual fellowship," he advised them.

The association, made up of business managers from churches and from state and national Southern Baptist boards and institutions, adopted a resolution which reaffirmed their commitment "to the highest efficient, effective and ethical administration of the fiscal affairs of Baptists."

The resolution also pledged them to "provide constant leadership among our colleagues, our members and constituents and society at large toward a moral and ethical sensitivity that will render virtually impossible the recurrence of certain isolated events of recent years."

The resolution was passed against the backdrop of "the revelation of occasional evidences of financial wrongdoings in a few Baptist churches, agencies and institutions, by one or several persons, (that) have reflected unfavorably upon Baptists and upon the cause of Christ."

The conference, which is hosted each year by the Southern Baptist

Annuity Board, elected Wilson Beardsley of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., as its new presiding officer.

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Evangelism." Dr. Rust was acting president of the seminary for almost a year until the new president, Dr. Landrum Leavell, assumed his responsibilities on Jan. 1. Dr. Rust has served two Mississippi pastorates. He was pastor of Second Church, Biloxi, from 1948 until 1962 and of Vancleave Church, Vancleave from 1946 until 1948.

Conferences for South Mississippi will be held during the later dates, beginning April 28. Dr. Phillips McCarty of the faculty of Mississippi College will be the inspirational speaker at the first one April 28 at Southside Church, Meridian. Dr. Leavell will speak at the next two on April 29 at 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, and May 1 at First Church, Biloxi. Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor of First Church, Meridian, will be the speaker at the final conference May 2 at Central Church, McComb.

Easter Services To Be Broadcast On NBC Radio

In its annual observance of Easter the NBC Radio Network will broadcast two special religious programs Sunday morning, March 30, from 7 to 8 a.m. NYT.

The first program, the United Easter Dawn Service of the Council of Churches of New York City will be broadcast live from Town Hall (7-7:30 a.m.). Rev. Bryant M. Kirkland will deliver the sermon, "Hope for a New Humanity." The choir of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Salem United Methodist Church and the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church will provide the choral music.

For the 23rd consecutive year, NBC Radio will present the annual Easter Sunrise Service from Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia (7:30 - 8 a.m.).

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Orlo Ghogull. Music will be by the U. S. Army Chorus and the U. S. Marine Band.

Revival Dates

North Columbia Church: March 30 - April 4; Evangelist Jerry Mixon; 7 p.m.; Thursday night to feature Singing Country Men and The Emeralds Quartet from Bluff Springs Church; Nadie Harden, guest soloist; Rev. M. H. Waltman, pastor.

Morrison Heights, Clinton: April 6-11, Rev. Barry Landrum, pastor, First, Greenville, evangelist; Mrs. Martha Branham, Dallas, Tx., soloist; services Sunday at 11, nightly at 7:30; Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor.

Eddiceton (Franklin): April 4-5 - 6; revival theme is Great Things for Christ; Rev. Billy Canoy, pastor of church, evangelist; Peyton Earl Godbold, music director of church, directing music.

Highland, Laurel: April 6-11; Sunday 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday 7:30 p.m.; Evangelist Rev. James Fancher; music evangelist, J. B. Betts; Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor.

First, Greenwood: April 6-13; John Tierney, Greenville, S. C., evangelist; Jim Lancaster, Tampa, Florida, musician; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday services 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. P. C. Perkins, pastor.

First Church, Lake (Scott): March 30-April 4; Sunday services 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Wilson Winstead, Griffith Memorial, Jackson, evangelist; Marlene Vance, Lake, singer; W. P. Miley, pastor.

Immanuel, Vicksburg: March 26 - 30; Rev. Ricky Gray, pastor at Cato, Mendenhall, evangelist; Danny Brock, minister of music at Immanuel, singer; services daily at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Guy Gray, pastor.

First Church, Pontotoc: March 30 - April 4; Dr. Larry Rohman, former pastor of First Church, Jackson, presently from Benton, Ark., evangelist; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist from Jackson, in charge of music; services during week at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., donuts and coffee served before and after morning services; Rev.

Wayne Kimbrough, associate pastor.

Highland, Vicksburg: March 30-April 6; Rev. Carl S. Barnes, pastor of Emmanuel, Monroe, La., evangelist. Bill Clark, Madison Church, (Hinds), singer; Children's Revival to be held simultaneously by Rev. and Mrs. Al Fairchild of Moselle; services at 7:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday; April 16 is Hallelujah Sunday, with services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. James E. Messer, pastor.

Barefoot Springs (Rankin): March 23-28; Rev. J. P. Everett, pastor, preaching; Eddie Prather, sales representative for Jasper Ewing of Jackson and interim minister of music at McLaurin Heights Church, Jackson, singer; services at 7:30 p.m. and 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Monday - Friday; Evangelist: Rev. Kelly Dampier, pastor; Musician: Mrs. Lloyd Parnell, Adult Choir director; (the evangelist will meet with the children Mon. - Fri. at 7 p.m.).

Cold Springs, Collins: March 30-April 4; Dr. Edward L. Scruggs of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., (Mississippi native) evangelist; Rev. Marvin C. Taylor, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.; Mike Lott of William Carey College, minister of music and youth, singer.

Macedonia, Hattiesburg, April 2-6; Felix Wagner, associate pastor, First Church, Houston, Texas, evangelist; Alon J. Colletti, minister of music and youth at Southside, Dothan, Alabama, former Mississippian, singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Dick Onarecker, pastor.

South Nettleton Church: March 30-April 4; Rev. Charles Ellis, Hamilton, evangelist; Allen Caldwell, singer; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. L. W. Frederick, pastor.

Laurel Hill (Neshoba): April 6-11; Rev. Murphy Brantley from Covington, La., evangelist; Rev. Carter Tucker, pastor; services during week at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

High School Leaders Believe There Is A God

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professed belief in God.

Although 79 per cent of all students said they participate in church or other religious activities either regularly or occasionally, less than half of them do so "regularly."

The "regular" participants include 53 per cent Protestants, 46 per cent Catholics, and 18 per cent Jewish. Fifty-eight per cent of parochial students, and 44 per cent of both public and private schools are regular participants.

Equal Rights

On the question of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, 74 per cent of students were in favor (69 per cent Protestant, 78 per cent Catholic, 96 per cent Jewish, and 100 per cent "other").

However, 81 per cent of students still favor the traditional marriage contract. (86 per cent Protestant, 81 per cent Catholic, 79 per cent Jewish, 45 per cent "other.")

The majority, 77 per cent, would "seek a divorce if all means of

solving the problem failed." This included 79 per cent of the Protestants, 69 per cent of Catholics, 96 per cent of the Jews, and 100 per cent "others."

Only 7 per cent of students polled had parents who were divorced — 3 per cent of Protestants, 3 per cent of Catholics, 11 per cent of Jews, 55 per cent of "others."

Upon marrying, 81 per cent say they plan to use some form of birth control. The totals: 83 per cent Protestant, 73 per cent Catholic, 100 per cent both Jewish and "others."

Premarital sex was held acceptable "under any circumstances where there is mutual consent" by 41 per cent of all high school leaders polled. But only 29 per cent said they actually had participated in sexual intercourse (30 percent Protestants, 25 per cent Catholics, 17 per cent Jews, 45 per cent "others").

"Abortion for an unwanted pregnancy while unmarried was approved by 38 per cent (40 per cent Protestants, 24 per cent Catholics, 97 per cent Jews, 55 Per cent "Others."

Drugs Available

The survey revealed that 81 per cent of students said drugs could be readily purchased at their schools. However, 92-98 per cent of all students have never used heroin or any of the hard drugs and 72 per cent have never used marijuana.

The use of hard drugs was opposed by 83 per cent of more of the students, while 65 per cent opposed the use of marijuana. Legalization of marijuana was supported by 61 per cent, but only 19 per cent said they would use it themselves.

Beer was used "once or twice" by 25 per cent, "several times" by 33 per cent, and "regularly" by 15 per cent. It was "never" used by 25 per cent (including 34 per cent Protestant, 14 per cent Catholic, 13 per cent Jewish. Regular users: 8 per cent Protestant, 22 per cent Catholic, 17 per cent Jewish, 10 per cent "others."

Wine was "never" used by 18 per cent, "once or twice" by 30 per cent, "several times" by 41 per cent, and "regularly" by 10 per cent. "Never" users: 25 per cent Protestant, 410 per cent Ca-

tholic, 7 per cent Jewish. "Regular" users: 5 per cent Protestant, 12 per cent Catholic, 34 per cent Jewish, 100 per cent "others."

Hard liquor was "never" used by 34 per cent, "once or twice" by 26 per cent, "several times" by 31 per cent, "regularly," 6 per cent. "Never" users: Protestant 41 per cent, Catholic 23 per cent, Jewish 16 per cent, "others" none. "Regular" users: Protestant 3 per cent, Catholic 9 per cent, Jewish 17 per cent, "others" none.

Dr. J. S. Riser To Speak In Memphis

Dr. J. S. Riser, retired pastor of Jackson, has been invited to participate in dedication services April 6 for a new brick church plant at Ridgeway Baptist Church in Memphis. Dr. Riser was pastor at the church 25 years ago, for six years, and Mrs. Riser was organist. At that time, it was called the Central Avenue Church. Rev. L. L. Cope is the present pastor.

CHURCH TRAINING and CHURCH RECREATION AREA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

Dates and Places

MARCH 31, 1975
7:00 P.M.

First, Senatobia
317 Ward Street

APRIL 1, 1975
7:00 P.M.

First, Greenwood
Corner Washington at Henderson

APRIL 3, 1975
7:00 P.M.

First, McComb
Corner Delaware at Marion

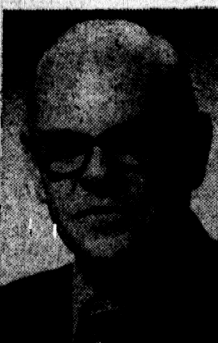
APRIL 4, 1975
7:00 P.M.

Alta Woods, Jackson
168 Colonial Drive

APRIL 5, 1975
2:00 P.M.

First, Newton
307 East Church Street

Conferences and Conference Leaders



Charles L. Norion

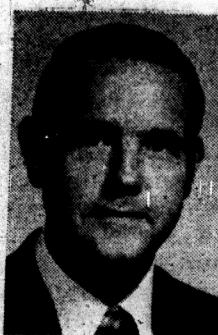
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Wildwood, Laurel
1000 19th Avenue

First, Booneville
First Street at Church Street

First, West Point
39 Court Street

East Louisville
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Adult Day In April Is Set For April 6 Or 13

by Judd E. Allen

An event to spotlight this year's emphasis on Adults is Adult Day in April.

Working with the Sunday School General Officers, adult leaders can use this special day as a means for focusing on adults as leaders, as members, and as men and women who need to be reached.

Plan to highlight what Adults have done and are doing in Sunday School work on either of these special days — April 6 or April 13.

Scheduled events can be during Sunday School time or a worship period. An eventful and exciting day is assured when a church is knowledgeable and responsive to the needs of adults.

Three suggested purposes can point to the possibilities for Adult Day in April.

1. Adult Day can be a time to

express appreciation for adults who serve as leaders throughout the Sunday School. Many serve with preschoolers, children, and youth as well as with adults themselves.

2. Adult Day can be a time to focus on the achievements of adults themselves in the Sunday School and church. It's a time to remind the entire church that adults must carry a major role in reaching unreached persons, in financially supporting the entire work of the church, in providing leadership, and in giving spiritual strength to all segments of the work of your church.

3. Adult Day can be used to present needs and plans for future Sunday School work. Sunday School leaders do well when they involve their adults in planning to strengthen Bible study and to undergo future outreach efforts of the church.

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EDITORIAL

Christ The Lord Is Risen

"Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!"

These are the words of a great song, and certainly they are based upon the Word of God. They tell the greatest fact of history.

Nothing else that has happened in all of the world's history is so meaningful as the truth that on the resurrection morning, Jesus Christ was not in the grave. He had risen from the dead, exactly as He had said He would do, and is alive forevermore.

This is the greatest event of all that has happened in the annals of mankind.

It is greater than any battle that ever has been won.

It is greater than any treaty that ever has been made.

It is greater than any human kingdom that ever has been formed.

It is greater than any coronation day that ever has been celebrated.

Without this bodily resurrection of Christ, there would be no salvation. There would be no hope either in this life, or in the life to come. As Paul said, if Christ be not risen, "we are of all men most miserable."

But Christ did rise from the grave!

No fact in history has been more clearly proved!

We are fully familiar with the fact that many skeptics do not believe in that bodily resurrection. Even some who call themselves Christians do not believe it. Those denials do not change the facts. Indeed, those who say they are Christians but deny it, simply deceive themselves for they are not saved. No person can be saved who does not accept Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and He was not Christ if He did not rise from the grave. When a person rejects that he is rejecting the very heart of Christianity. A dead Savior is no Savior at all.

Christ did rise from the grave! Any person who honestly and care-

fully examines the evidence, can know the truth of this statement.

One thing is sure; the grave was empty.

Only three things could have happened to cause that: (1) there was no actual death; (2) the body was stolen from the grave; (3) there actually was a resurrection. There is no other possible explanation.

Think of those three alternatives.

The first is that Christ did not actually die. Skeptics have written books based upon the concept that he simply swooned and did not really die. Evidence, however, is all to the contrary. Witnesses to the crucifixion knew that he was dead. The soldiers testified that he was dead, and did not break his legs because they found him dead. Pilate required evidence that Christ was dead before he would release the body. The officers who reported to Pilate had no reason for lying. Joseph and Nicodemus knew that he was dead, for together they embalmed him and buried him. All the evidence is that he was dead. Furthermore, had he merely swooned, how could he have escaped the tomb, since he was weakened by the crucifixion, was wrapped completely in burial clothes, and a heavy stone was before the door? The idea of his swooning is unthinkable, and, of course, is not true.

The second alternative is that his body was stolen away and hidden. But who could have stolen it? The Jews certainly did not, for they did not want it to disappear. The Romans had no possible motive for doing it. Only the Christians could have done it. How could these timid, frightened souls possibly have thought of such an idea? They ran from before the persecutors. Furthermore, does any one believe that later they would have died for their claim that He had risen from the grave, had they merely stolen the body?

Only the third proposition re-

mains. Christ did really rise from the grave. All of the evidence proves it. When Peter and John ran to the tomb, John looked upon the grave clothes fallen flat, without being unwrapped, and knew that Jesus had risen from the dead as the angels had reported to the women. All of the eleven apostles saw Him, and many other disciples saw Him. They talked to Him, communed with Him, ate with Him. More than 500 persons at one time saw Him and knew Him. Such witness cannot be denied. What further proof is needed than the word of 500 persons, who saw Him, and knew Him, after His resurrection?

There is a thrilling story of the writing of Ben Hur. Lew Wallace, the author, was an unbeliever. We are told that he set out to write a book to prove that the resurrection was not true. But he was an honest student. When he had carefully examined all of the evidence, he knew that the Bible record is true. He knew that Jesus Christ did rise from the grave and that He is alive forevermore. The result is that instead of writing to prove the falsity of the resurrection story, he wrote a classic which tells of the truth of that resurrection.

We can tell it again and again.

Jesus Christ did rise from the grave and is alive forevermore. He was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead.

Because He conquered death, His death for sin was efficacious, and we are saved because He died for our sins and lives again.

And, because He lived and lives, we shall live also.

It is the greatest truth of the Bible.

It is the greatest truth of history. Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!

A Dead Issue

The matter of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention evidently is a dead issue. Those who would like to see it done, or who have thought that they might persuade the convention to change the name, are wasting their time.

Recently Southern Baptist state papers, at the request of the chairman of the committee appointed in Dallas to study the possibility of a name change, published a ballot concerning it. The response has been astounding.

Many of the state papers have published reports on the balloting in their states. We have seen reports from eight or ten of them, and in every case the opposition to change was 3-1 to 5-1. (Of course, as we already have reported, here in Mississippi it was 19-1). Even in states in the pioneer areas, such as Ohio, Michigan and California, the vote was strongly against change.

Our opinion is that the committee has found out what it wanted to know. They have learned that the "grass roots" opinion is strongly against any name change for the convention. The best thing to do now is to quietly bury the suggestion and forget it for a long, long time.

WHAT BIBLE CAN YOU TRUST?

(Broadman, 116 pp., paper \$2.50) The introduction explains why there have been different translations and why some of them are attacked. The second chapter shows how the scripture is translated from the Hebrew and Greek into English. The next section of the book describes and evaluates the better known English translations. The final section has statements by numerous Southern Baptist pastors on the versions which they like and use. This will be a helpful volume for those who are asking questions concerning the value of modern translations.

GUILT AND FREEDOM by Bruce Narramore and Bill Counts (Vision House, 159 pp., \$4.95) A study of the guilt which presses upon people and the deliverance therefrom. Two Christian psychologists apply the Christian faith to man's deep concern of guilt. Many illustrations and applications are given.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURE by C. H. Waller (Rainbow Publication, P. O. Box 6671, Greensboro, NC 27405, 66 pp., paper, \$2.00) A reprint more than 80 years ago. The emphasis is that this authoritative inspiration of the scriptures, as distinct from the inspiration of its human authors, was acknowledged by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE CORINTHIAN CATASTROPHE by George E. Gardiner (Kregel, 56 pp., pocket book, paper, \$.95) A study of the

dent of the New Testament since he will have the varied reading side by side for reference and thus will be able quickly to discern the shades of meaning of a particular passage.

A HISTORY OF PREACHING, Volume 3 by Ralph G. Turnbull (Baker, 596 pp., \$12.95) Several years ago, Dr. E. C. Dorgan, professor of preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, issued two volumes on the history of preaching to the end of the 19th century. Those volumes did not cover the preaching in America. Now Dr. Turnbull has prepared this volume 3 which covers the history of preaching in this land and also updates the material concerning preaching in other lands bringing it up to 1950. Evidently prepared as a textbook, this material will provide valuable historical data concerning preachers and preaching and the part they have had in American life.

MACARTNEY BIBLE CHARACTERS LIBRARY by Clarence Edward Macartney (Baker, 4 paperback volumes, \$2.95 each, or \$10.95 for the set) Dr. Clarence Macartney was a great Presbyterian preacher in the early part of this century. Here are four volumes of his sermons: GREAT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE, GREAT INTERVIEWS OF JESUS, THE WAY OF A MAN WITH A MAID, and BIBLE EPITAPHS. Textual, Bible-centered preaching by a pulpit master. These reprints make these outstanding books available for this generation.

Life And Witness Classes

A Billy Graham Crusade always brings many opportunities for Christians, in addition to the crusade services themselves.

Among these are participation in some of the thousands of prayer meetings which are scheduled, sharing in the school of evangelism, singing in the massive choir, serving in youth activities, working as an usher or counselor, or doing one of the many other things which will be taking place in coming weeks. The crusade brings opportunities of a lifetime.

One of the finest of these is the privilege of attending the Christian Life and Witness classes which are scheduled to begin next week. This is a series of four weekly classes planned for Christian life enrichment and spiritual growth. Many of those attending later will have the privilege of serving as counselors during the crusade itself, but individuals can attend whether they

desire to serve as counselors or not.

The way to share in this special pre-crusade feature is to attend one class each week for the next four. They are being scheduled in different churches and at different times, but the same lesson will be taught each week and one attendance per week is all that is needed.

The full story of the planned classes is told elsewhere in this Record and the schedule of the places and times in the Jackson area is given in an ad. We suggest that you cut out the ad and plan now to avail yourself of this opportunity. It will not come again, at least, not at any time in the foreseeable future.

Similar classes are scheduled for several other surrounding cities.

We hope that thousands of our Baptist people will attend these classes. We do not know of anything that can mean more to them personally right now than this special training.

NEWEST BOOKS

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH J. D. Douglas, general editor (Zondervan, 1974 pp., \$24.95) The title tells exactly what this is, a comprehensive one-volume reference book which traces the development of the Christian church through its history. More than 4800 articles give us almost all essential information we need concerning people and events in the 2000 years of church history. Here are men, events, doctrines, articles concerning the Bible and Bible characters, and much other most valuable information. Whether you want to know about the Anabaptists, Calvinism, some branch of Catholicism, camp meetings, campus crusade, or Christianity in various nations of the world, or any other of thousands of subjects, you have authoritative information here. This is a book which will become a valuable reference volume for any preacher or Christian teacher. Attractively printed and beautifully bound.

THE SIX VERSION PARALLEL NEW TESTAMENT (Creation House, 697 pp., \$12.95) An attractive large volume which presents six of the most popular versions of the Bible side by side, three to a page, with all six on the opened pages of the book. The versions are King James, Living Bible, Revised Standard, New English, Phillips, and Jerusalem Bible. Included is a general preface and introductions to the various versions. This will be a valuable asset to the stu-



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Tangipahoa Seeks Pictures, Information On Former Pastors

Dear Dr. Odle:

Will you please print our request for the following information? Tangipahoa Church, Pike County, is collecting pictures of former pastors. We need pictures or some information about the following: P. J. Everett, who came to Tangipahoa about 1870; C. A. Banks-ton; A. N. Crawford; I. Almond, who was from Tylertown and was pastor here in 1889; J. M. Cooke; R. A. Hall; W. H. Thompson; J. A. Scarborough, 1893; A. F. Davis, 1909; J. A. Chapman, 1911; B. A. McCollough, 1915; S. W. Rogers, 1918; D. I. Young, 1919; J. A. Gilmore, 1920; W. A. Williams, 1922; J. H. Page, 1935.

We have also failed to find a good likeness of Virgil Cooper who went to Korea as a missionary in 1971.

Will anyone having any information about any of these men please contact Mrs. Ruby Dell Wilson Route 2, Box 205 Summit, MS 38666

Another Story About Henry Ford

Dear Sir:

I read with interest Dr. Pollard's story of the man who got stranded with the T-Model Ford and Mr. Henry Ford came along and got him on his way. There's another story of Henry Ford and that Lincoln Continental. I don't know if it was on this same trip or not.

He got stuck on a mountain road and an old mountaineer in an old battered up Ford came along and pulled him out. When Mr. Ford tried to pay him, he refused, saying, "What's the use of living if you can't help your fellow man along the way? If you'll trade that thing in and get you a T-Model Ford you'll get along better."

Mr. Ford left without the mountaineer knowing who he was.

In about two weeks the man appeared at his gate with a new Ford and presented him with the keys. When the mountaineer tried to pay, the man said, "Oh, no! What's the use living if you can't help your fellow man along the way? I'm Henry Ford."

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

T. O. Gully
Box 2
Neshoba, MS.

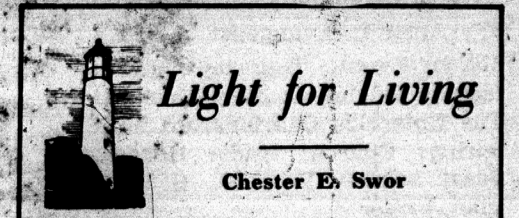
West Laurel Asks For Recipes

Dear Sir:

The youth of West Laurel Baptist Church are in the process of raising funds for their summer youth trip. One of the projects is a "recipe book." We are asking for recipes from our church members and would also like recipes from across our state. If anyone who reads the Baptist Record would like to participate in this project, please send your recipe to West Laurel Baptist Church, c/o Ronny Walker, 1400 West 5th St., Laurel, Miss. Please put your name and address on each recipe. The deadline for recipes is April 15. The cost will be \$1.50 and you can order them from the same address. There is no deadline on orders.

Ronny L. Walker
Youth & Recreation
West Laurel Baptist Church
Laurel, Miss.

misuse of Holy Spirit gifts in the Corinthian Church and how Paul corrected them.



The Badness Of Goodness

Recalling that the people who hounded Jesus, wrongly accused him, tied him in a farcical trial, and arranged with the Roman government to crucify him, were actually religious people — leaders, too! — a splendid minister of my acquaintance once preached a powerful sermon with the topic listed above: THE BADNESS OF GOODNESS. His emphasis, as you will surmise, was upon the evil means which some religious people through the centuries have used in dealing with people with whom they disagreed or whom they wanted to discredit.

As have some of you who have traveled abroad, I have stood on sites on which in centuries past even Christians have burned other Christians at the stake, have drowned them in lakes, have hanged them, and have driven them into exile — all in the name of "defending the faith." It shocks us now that "good people" could ever have found ways of justifying incredible badness while purporting to perpetuate the message and spirit of Christ.

But wait! Even though those atrocious acts of physical destruction do not occur among disagreeing Christians now, there are in the ranks of Christendom still some self-appointed "defenders of the faith" (according to their concepts!) who demonstrate a truly vicious spirit toward those with whom they disagree. Once an active churchman said to me: "I'm glad I wasn't alive when Christ's teaching was up for judgment; for, opinionated, if not prejudiced, as I am, I might have felt more comfortable to have HIM out of the way!"

What is your honest feeling toward people with whom you disagree in religious matters? Honestly now: have you made really destructive remarks about them, or have you actually wished that they "would be slapped down" by some humiliating experience? Would you have rejoiced in their being hurt?

Indeed, we ought to defend Christian faith from attacks upon it; but in the defending we need to be sure that we have the spirit of Christ toward his enemies, and NOT the spirit and actions of those who disagreed with him. The cause of our Christ will never be advanced by a spirit which uses "badness" as a weapon in defending goodness!

Two half-truths do not necessarily constitute the whole truth.

If you drink like a fish, swim — don't drive.

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SCRAPBOOK



Palm Sunday

Thy glory dawn, Jerusalem, awake, thy bells to ring!
Swift fashion thee a crown of gold,
And bring forth David's throne of old;
Jerusalem, make ready, make ready for the King!
From tower and roof thy banners fling,
For down the slopes of Olivet comes riding on, the King!

(Jerusalem speaks:)

A thorn-bush grows without the wall;
Of this his crown shall woven be.
For royal wine prepare we gall,
For throne a cross on Calvary.

Thy Saviour comes, Jerusalem, make haste, thine altar bring!
His body for an offering take,
The heart of all the world to break,
And on the cross uplifted our God shall own his King!
Ye lands afar, his triumph sing,
For with the love of all mankind our God shall crown him King!

—John T. Mement, 1874.

The Cradle, The Cross, The Crown

Sweet babe
born to Mary,
grew to man's estate,
though tempted by Satan's deceit,
conquered!

God's son
taught waiting crowds.
By his word the lame walked,
His touch brought healing to many
who believed!

Jesus
betrayed — abused,
died on Calvary's cross,
the atonement for all sinners
despair!

For man
at Easter time
bells ring out joyously,
no death knell — victorious chimes
Christ lives!

—Eunice Barnes

How Can I Doubt?

At Easter time when I can see
The promise in a budding tree,
And watch the miracles unfold
From thy bulb, so stark and cold,
And feel the flurry of rebirth
Within the barren, lifeless earth,
How can I doubt that there will be
A Resurrection Day for me?

—Olive W. Hurdle.

He Could Have Used Angels

Then Mary Magdalene
Followed from Galilee,
Stood gazing at the cross;
Her eyes could hardly see.

The friend she loved so dearly
Was dying on the cross,
Hanging between two thieves.
She sobbed: "How great my loss!"

With heavy heart she toiled
As spices she prepared
And took them to the tomb.
No grief could be compared.

The empty tomb she found,

The First To Know

The worried ladies hurried on
In that morning's hallowed light,
Thinking, "Who will move the stone
That seals Messiah's tomb so tight?"

Not only that, but soldiers too
From the evil court, at their post
Might think their morning's rendezvous
A conquest for their barracks boast.

Soon their fears were proved unfounded,
For that massive cold grey stone
Had somehow down the hillside bounded,
And every Roman guard was gone!

No body in that darkened hole
Their spies unneeded for death's snail
His form, still shaped by linen roll,
In wrappings now an empty shell.

Suddenly one angelic being
Spoke to quieten all their dread,
Said, "Go tell what you are seeing,
The Lord has risen, as he said."

—Bert Hamill

Could He?

He went to the city
and left the rocking
on the front porch to us.

As we sit and watch
the grass we should have cut
last week
blow listlessly
in the afternoon breeze,
could he ever
leave that place
and come count the
out-of-state license plates
with us again
is the main topic
of conversation.

—Mark Leggett

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He Is Risen!

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. (Matt. 28:1-4 RSV) (RNS Photo)

Who Crucified My Lord?

Was it Judas who crucified my Lord
When he betrayed him with a kiss?
Was it a disciple who followed from afar?
Was it Peter who denied him with a hiss?

Was it a priest who feared His power
And demanded that he die in shame?
Was it Herod or Caesar who gave the nod
And withdrew protection because of fame?

Was it a Roman soldier who thrust the sword
And gambled for his robe,
Who mocked and jeered the Son of God
Till darkness shrouded the globe?

Nay, these were merely agents,
Who committed the physical deed.
Your sins and mine were the cross he bore
As he followed Golgotha's lead.

Weary and worn he ascended the heights
And paid the price for all;
He looked beyond the murderous men
Who offered him the gall.

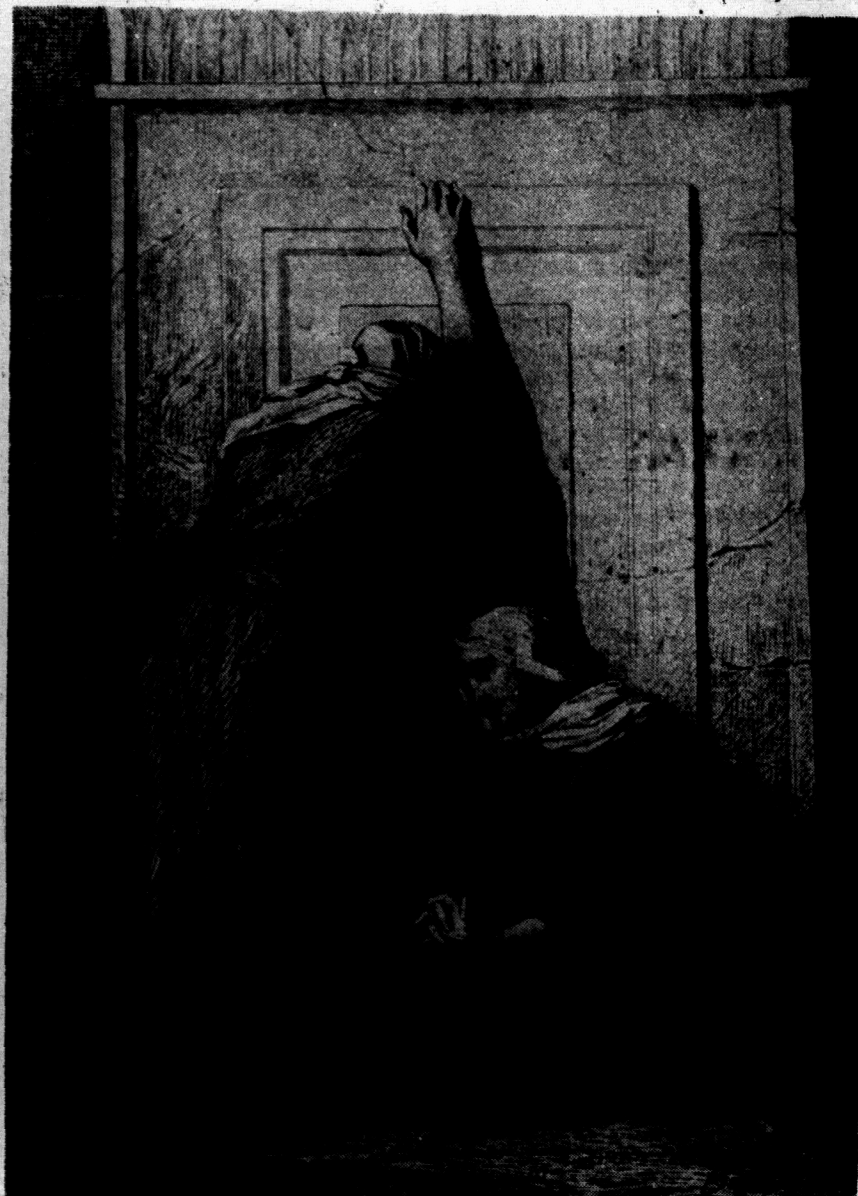
—Myrtle Gresham Crawford

Earth Is A Garden

Awaken to the beauty cry of morning;
Hear the birds sing that heaven is gaily dawning;
Arise from bed and lift the shades for day;
See the sun assert itself in rose-dawn gray,
And watch pure diamonds tremble on dewy leaves.
As some measured loveliness from heaven the earth receives.
God has given you a paradise setting and told you to build
a day.

And if you need him, you have but to kneel and pray,
For he is your Father — a God who is near.
Earth is a garden, and Jesus walks with you here.

—Violet Tackett



The Marys At The Tomb. (RNS Photo)

Young Worker With Aged Reminds, "Every Old Person Is An Individual"

By Ann Wilson

The inhabitants of Gracelands Retirement Home in Oxford, Mississippi sit quietly in the lobby in the warm afternoon sunlight, waiting for dinner-time. In the spotless tile halls, several orderlies push their charges in wheelchairs toward the dining hall, while other attendants bring trays of food to some of the rooms.

A few patients shuffle along the halls expectantly; others read newspapers, crochet or converse quietly. Everywhere there is a sense of waiting and a peculiar sense of their unimportance of time. The initial impression of the first-time visitor is that this is a place of depression and sadness.

Then a girl in a neat plaid pants suit enters the lobby, walks to a silent man in a wheelchair, and takes his hand.

"Hello, Mr. Pritchard. Do you remember me? I'm June," she says.

"You're my little girlfriend, and you sure are sweet," is the response: she gets, along with a smile.

June Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cochran of Olive Branch, Mississippi, doesn't believe in coddling older people and she doesn't believe in pitying them. She strongly rejects society's portrait of the helpless, useless senior citizen. And she puts her philosophy to work daily in her job as traveling social worker and patient activity consultant for 14 Mississippi nursing homes.

"Old people are stereotyped," she says with a disgusted shake of her head. "People say, 'Mother is getting too old to do anything with her' and they put her away in a rest home. Society has to change this attitude and realize that older people have great potential to be reached and can continue to add to the community."

She moves from patient to patient in Gracelands' lobby, promising to run an errand or take someone to town, admiring the progress of several in therapy programs, and carefully asking each person with real concern about his own problems and state of mind.

As she smiles and talks, the

lobby seems to take on a warmer, less depressing air, and the formerly nameless patients become individuals with unique personalities and their own experiences and problems to share.

"I used to never think about old people having problems," June confesses, admitting that her attitude toward the aged was once as poor as that which she is now fighting. And her first visit to a nursing home, she recalls, was a depressing experience which proved to be a turning point in her life.

When she was a junior social work major at Ole Miss, she was invited as a part of the Baptist Student Union choir to sing a special program at Golden Years Retirement Home in Oxford.

"I had never been in a nursing home in my life," she remembers, "and in the middle of the program some of the patients began crying and I began crying and got so upset I had to leave. I felt like a failure — a social worker who couldn't stand to see someone else unhappy."

Because of this experience, when a gerontology class opened at the university the next semester, June enrolled. This course on the problems of the aged turned out to be so fascinating that June elected to do her field work and case studies for her other social work classes at Golden Years, and even became involved in volunteer work with senior citizens. "I felt like I needed to conquer the depression — and then everything started to fall into place and I decided that working with the aged was what I really wanted to do," she says.

When the Oxford-based job as traveling patient activity consultant became available after her graduation last May, June knew it was exactly what she wanted.

Her duties as patient activity consultant consist of visiting each of 14 nursing homes all over Mississippi one day each month to inspect ongoing activities, interview the staff, visit patients, and make suggestions for further individual and group activities.

"These are not just games to keep them occupied, although we do try to keep the people from be-

ing bored and lonely," she says. "But I also work with the staff on personal activities, such as learning to brush their teeth or feed themselves again."

An example of this type of social therapy is the "reality orientation program," designed, June explains, to maintain or restore touch with the present. On bulletin boards in the halls are signs in large letters bearing the date, the next meal, and other similar information. The staff members frequently ask the patients to try to remember this information.

"This program is only for the patient who is unhappy or confused because he can't remember," June says. "It helps stimulate him into reality by remembering familiar facts."

Another aspect of June's job as social worker concerns involving the community in volunteer work with senior citizens. This requires speeches to various clubs and organizations and organizing the volunteers who respond, though there are few.

"We have problems with the communities as a rule," she says. "If they could only change their own attitudes and not be afraid to get to know people — but they just want to send money or a gift. It would mean so much more if they would just bring it themselves."

But June says her biggest problem is personal frustration — too many ideas and too little time.

"I can never get everything done," she sighs. "I go and spend one day at each nursing home when I could spend two weeks. And we need more staff members. We need as many social workers and patient activity workers as nurses in order to get what we should get out of nursing homes."

Despite the problems involved in her field, June finds the work rewarding and is encouraged by the fact that more people are forsaking the stereotype and becoming interested in learning the satisfaction that work with older people can bring.

"The aged are the most appreciative people in the world," she says. "And each old person is an individual, which we sometimes forget."

Billy Graham Team Slates Classes For Coming Jackson Crusade

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served on their staff.

Mr. Cousins is associate director of the Mississippi Crusade and recently directed the Tidewater, Va., Crusade.

He has been with the Graham organization since 1967. Mr. Cousins is from Shawnee, Kansas, and is a graduate of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mr. Sanders serves as co-ordinator of various aspects of the Crusades including choir and usher recruitment, youth work, and activities with church delegations.

As a part of the total Crusade preparation, much of his work is done along with other team members in the black community.

He received a degree in Christian education from Calvary Bible College in Kansas City, where he also worked with the Youth for Christ organization. In August of 1970, Mr. Sanders married Cheryl Jones of Oberlin, Ohio. Mrs. Sanders is a member of the Jones Sisters Trio recording artists with Word Records. Her father, Howard Jones, is an associate evangelist with Dr. Graham.

The schedule follows:

Mondays — Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, 7:00 p.m.; Colonial Heights Baptist Church, 5708 Old Canton Road, Jackson, and Crawford St. United Methodist, Crawford at Cherry, Vicksburg, both at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays — Mt. Nebo Baptist, 1245 Tunica, and Alta Woods Presbyterian, 110 Alta Woods Blvd., both in Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays — St. Luke's United Methodist, 621 Duling, Jackson, 10:00 a.m.



Sanders



Cousins

Thursdays — Anderson United Methodist, 812 Paige Street, Jackson, 7:00 p.m.; Broadmoor Baptist, 787 East Northside, Jackson, 7:30 p.m., and Forest United Methodist, East Third at Graham, Forest, 7:00 p.m.

Fridays — St. Peter's Missionary Baptist, 1580 West Ridgeway, Jackson, 7:00 p.m.; Galloway Memorial United Methodist, 305 North Congress, Jackson, 7:30 p.m., and Richland Baptist, Plain, 7:30 p.m.

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(Mar. 31, April 7, 14, 21)
Reformed Theo. Seminary
5422 Clinton Blvd., Jackson
7:00 p.m.

Colonial Hts. Baptist Church
5708 Old Canton Road,
Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

Crawford St. U. Methodist
Church, Crawford at Cherry,
Vicksburg, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

(Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22)
Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
1245 Tunica, Jackson
7:00 p.m.

Alta Woods Presbyterian Church
110 Alta Woods Blvd.
Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

(Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23)
St. Luke's U. Methodist Church
621 Duling, Jackson
10:00 a.m.

THURSDAYS

(Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24)
Anderson U. Methodist Church
812 Paige St., Jackson
7:00 p.m.

Broadmoor Baptist Church
787 East Northside,
Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church,
Forest, East Third at Graham
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAYS

(April 4, 11, 18, 25)
St. Peter's Missionary
Baptist Church,
1580 West Ridgeway
Jackson, 7:00 p.m.

Galloway Mem. U. Methodist
Church, 305 N. Congress,
Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

Richland Baptist Church
Plain, 7:30 p.m.

Carey College Announces CALL '75

CALL '75, William Carey College's fourth annual conference on Christian vocations for high school students, will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20, according to an announcement from the chaplain's office of the college.

A special conference for adult leadership of young people in the area of vocational guidance will be led by Alice Magill, consultant in vocational guidance, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Conferences for young people will be led by the following: foreign missions, Dr. Robert Covington; pastoral ministries, Dr. William Clawson; music ministries, Cleamon Downs; educational ministries, Dr. Joel Ray; youth ministries, Tim Thomas; teaching professions, Dr. Hugh Dickens; medical work, Mrs. Flora Blackstock; business, James McCay; political services, Jack Rogers; communications, Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, home missions, Don Hammonds; and denominational ministries, J. W. Brister.

Dr. Jesse Fletcher, of the Foreign Mission Board and author of such outstanding Christian books as *Bill Wallace of China* will be the main speaker for the Sunday morning worship service.

Dr. Fletcher has recently accepted the call as pastor of First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tenn.

Robert Meade, also a consultant in the vocational guidance department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, will lead the entire youth group in a study of "How to Know God's Will" and will deal specifically also with the William Carey College student participants in the CALL CONFERENCE.

The week-end conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, with registration in the Thomas Business Administration building on the Carey campus. It will come to a conclusion at noon on Sunday following the worship service and a fellowship feast. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged all high school student delegates. This will include overnight in the campus dormitories and four meals in Wilkes Dining Hall, catered by Morrison's Food Service. Each student will be expected to bring his own linens for the night.

Reservations may be made by writing or phoning the office of the Chaplain or the office of Public Relations at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.



Leah Baker, West Memphis, Arkansas, left, is the new president of the Student Government Association, 1975-76, at Blue Mountain, and Lisa Nix, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, right, is the new president of the Baptist Student Union Council.

Spring Festival Queen for the annual celebration at Blue Mountain College is Anita Crump of Memphis. Maid of Honor is Shelia Siler, also of Memphis. The two will reign over activities surrounding the festival the first week-end in April.

Today's Youth

Mississippians Going To Nat'l Acteens Meet

Girls from all over the United States and many other countries will join Mississippi Acteens in Memphis, Tennessee, June 25-29, for the National Acteens Conference (NAC). The conference will be the celebration of five years for the Acteens organization, and the second national Acteens conference to be held for members of the youth missionary organization.

The theme for NAC is "In Touch"—Acteens in touch with world awareness, in touch with their surroundings, in touch with

their own spiritual growth, in touch with their relationship to God, and in touch with their missions responsibilities at home and around the world. The conference will provide world awareness through foreign and home missionaries being present. Bible study, drama, and prayer experiences will provide spiritual growth opportunities for all of the Acteens.

Mississippi Acteens from Booneville to Gulfport, from Southaven to Natchez are planning to participate in this National

Acteens Conference. Acteens are working toward, saving for, and planning their trips to Memphis. Some will be traveling on the WMU sponsored buses, others on church buses or in private cars.

Mississippi WMU is sponsoring two buses to the National Acteens Conference, one leaving from Jackson and another leaving from McComb. The registration fee of \$10 must be sent for each girl and leader who would like to join the bus group. The fee includes: registration fee for NAC, Mississippi Acteens shirt, and other materials. Send the fee to the WMU Office, NAC, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. The balance for lodging and transportation must be paid by June 2. There must be one adult for every five Acteens going to NAC. The motels and hotels in Memphis require one adult in every room. The following is the cost per girl to go on the buses.

Registration fee — \$10.
Lodging (four nights — four per room) — \$25 (subject to change).
Transportation — \$20 — from Jackson; \$30 — from McComb.



This tombstone marks the grave of Charles Connelly, a Mississippi College student who caught yellow fever and died in 1878 while at school. The marker, a victim of recent storms, was cleaned and repaired by the college maintenance. Lourisa Price of Clinton, a senior at the college, reads the engraving which says, "Erected by the Faculty and Students of Mississippi College." (M. C. Photo by David Calder)

MC Cleans Tombstone Of Yellow Fever Victim

In the spring of 1878 a severe yellow fever epidemic hit Mississippi, causing deaths all over the state.

Mississippi College had at least one casualty from the epidemic, a freshman boy named Charles Connelly from Carroll Parish, La. Following his death, the railroad refused to transport the young man's body to his home for burial for fear of spreading the disease.

Faculty and students at Mississippi College took up a collection to pay burial expenses and erect a tomb for the boy in the Clinton Cemetery. Since then Mississippi College has supposedly been paying \$4 a year for upkeep of the grave, though the presence of the grave had been forgotten.

Two weeks ago, during one of the many storms which the area has had lately, the tombstone was knocked over and broken. Much to their surprise, college officials were notified of the damage by John King, cemetery ground-keeper.

Then some discoveries were made.

Records about the long-forgotten grave were dug out and officials found the school has been paying a yearly fee for the grave since 1878.

New Youth Group At Robinson

Recently Robinson Church, Liberty, Mississippi Association, organized a young people's training program which meets on Sunday Night. Rev. Walter Jarrell is the pastor.

Friendship Youth Hold Camp Fire Service

Young people of Friendship Church (Pike) gathered for a camp fire service March 14 at Bogue Chitto River Park, with Joe Young of Southwest Junior College as guest speaker and singer. After a youth banquet March 15 at Friendship, the young people attended associational youth night at Magnolia.

David Ivy, MC student, of Hazlehurst, preached at Friendship on March 16. Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

The discovery of the grave brought on a flurry of activity and history searching. The college maintenance department, led by A. B. Delozier, cleaned and repaired the white tombstone and erected it over the grave again. Now it stands quietly, very pretty and white in contrast to the many dirty, stained stones surrounding it.

The yellow fever epidemic of 1878 was only one of several which went through the state during the last part of the 19th century. In 1899 yellow fever broke out again. At first cases were scattered sparsely throughout Mississippi. Then another natural disaster intervened which helped the disease spread.

"The house across the street from our home on North State Street caught fire one afternoon," recalled Mrs. W. E. Price, a 97-year old resident of Clinton. "The fire department came in their horse-drawn fire truck, but the water pressure was so low they couldn't reach the second story of the house."

"By the time the fire was out, three houses had burned down," she continued. "People from all over town had come to watch and the mosquitoes were buzzing. Not too long after that, cases of yellow fever broke out all over town."

The fever victims were kept in rooms with sealed windows and doors until the fever abated or they died. Some got over the fever, and some, like Charles Connelly, didn't make it through.

His tombstone stands, in the Clinton cemetery, though, as a reminder of a boy who died away from home because of what was then an uncontrollable disease.

Carpenters Wood Sings At N. Augusta

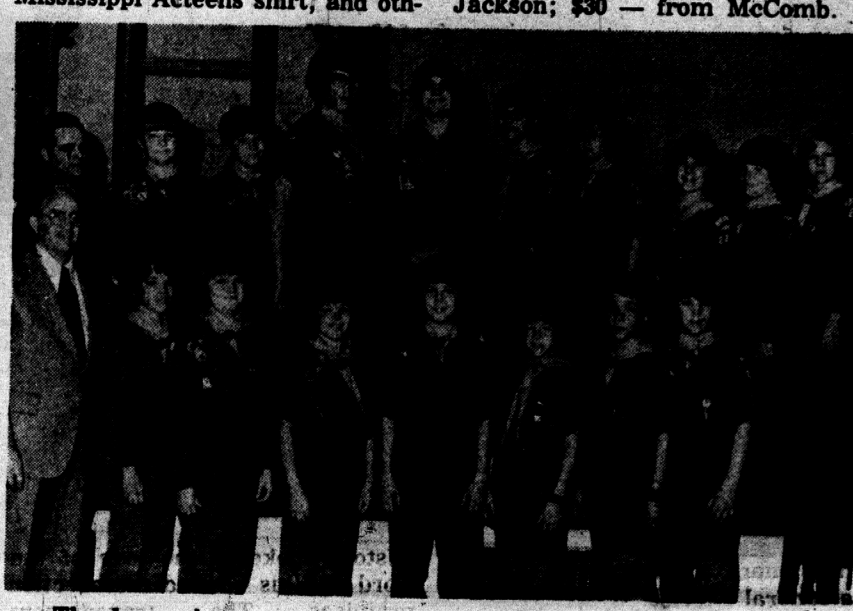
The Carpenters Wood of William Carey College presented musical entertainment for the young people at First Church, New Augusta, one evening in February.

Also in February, the young people of New Augusta heard Homer Boutwell speak on the subject of drug education.

Feb. 14-16, a Buddy Mathis Crusade was held in the church. Rev. Luther Newell is pastor.



Under the leadership of Mrs. Peggy Champion, the young people of First, Terry, in the puppet ministry, performed often in children's church, have performed at the Hinds County Penal Farm, and accepted invitations from churches to present the gospel message through the use of puppetry. Rev. Glen R. Puckett is pastor. L to R — 1st row: Kenny Granberry, Vicki Patterson, Mrs. Champion, Debbie Broome; 2nd row: Cindi Skipworth, Paula Shelby, Amy Pitts; 3rd row: Hal Dixon, Charles Granberry.



The boys above received God and Country Awards at First Church, New Albany on February 16. Left to right: W. F. Evans, pastor, Mike Skinner, Kervin Farrow, Joey Tarrant, Don Hopper, Tim Tim Sullivan, Robert Parks, David N. Martin. Back Row, left to right: Lewis Rosenthal, Scoutmaster, Fred Martin, Willie Martin, Bradley Province, Geoffrey Blansett, Sammy Allred, David Martin, Jay Harrison, Phil Gault, and Tracy Clayton. During the past five years, 55 boys have received their God and Country Awards at this church.

BMC Students Come From Three Continents

A hearse isn't that bad a vehicle to get around campus in once you get used to a few stares.

Debbie Horn and Pennie Thomas of Juneau, Alaska bought the hearse last summer to drive to Mississippi and go to college at Blue Mountain. It seemed like a good idea at the time.

"We bought it at the end of July and put the car on a ferry to Seattle," Debbie recalled. "It's a 1954 Cadillac. We got it for about \$1500. We went across the top of the United States down into Indiana and on to Blue Mountain."

"We've had some problems with it, but not a lot," Pennie said.

"Being from Alaska, we haven't traveled as much as we would like... especially since there is no road to Juneau. You fly or take a boat," Debbie said. "We heard about Blue Mountain from a pastor who had a daughter here, but we really didn't know that much about BMC before we came."

"We wanted to come to a Christian college," Debbie said describing Blue Mountain as their answer to a search for a place for a good education in a quiet, small town environment.

Other Blue Mountain College

students have come from far away places this semester also. Priscilla D'Mello arrived from Kenya, Africa, where she is the defending national ping pong champion. The youngest of 5 children, she says it will "take a little time to get used to everything."

"I'm here on an international scholarship," Priscilla said, "and I feel I will get settled down before long. I plan to go back home after four years, unless the government calls me back this summer for the All Africa games in August. I finally got the ping pong title after years of trying and I would like to defend the title."

Blue Mountain is small by American college standards. "It's not small to me," Priscilla said. "It's bigger than the one we have in Kenya."

Priscilla heard about BMC from a missionary working in Kenya, when she was in high school. Jenny Leung of Hong Kong, wife of a medical doctor studying in Memphis, learned of Blue Mountain from a Chinese minister in Memphis while traveling in this country three years ago. "I got a scholarship here," she said, planning to be a Bible librarian. "My husband and I are trying for per-

manent residency, but we haven't heard anything yet. He is a fellow in cardiology in Memphis."

Jenny and her husband see each other once a week, whenever his schedule permits him to drive from Memphis in their only car. Jenny misses the Chinese cooking as Priscilla misses African specialties. "The Chinese places in Memphis are definitely American Chinese, not real Chinese. I have to fix it myself if I want good Chinese food," Jenny said.

Velina Yim was seeking change when she chose to leave the sand and surf of Hawaii to become a Blue Mountain College student. About Honolulu, Velina said, "I was tired of it socially and intellectually. You do the same things every day, it was boring and I've seen everything there because it is so small. Traveling the United States is different and fun."

But she does watch Hawaii Five-O each week on television. "Everybody in Hawaii watches it, just to see if we can recognize the places," Velina said.

A full class schedule and the activities surrounding college life keeps the foreign students busy and eases the adjustment for those who come from outside the

immediate area. The new kind of life is greeted as a challenge and an adventure.

And the old hearse is the primary means of transportation for most of the international students... sometimes after a balk or two. "It's for sale now," Gennie said.

Sumner Youth Stage Banquet To Honor Pastor

On March 7, the young people of Sumner Church honored their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bagwell, with a "This Is Your Life" banquet. The Bagwells in February completed five years of service at Sumner.

Mrs. Bagwell was presented with a dozen red roses and Mr. Bagwell received a plaque.

In the program, special people in the Bagwells' lives were introduced at intervals. Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Bagwell, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bagwell, Mrs. Louise Walls, Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Cummins, and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Maynor. Also included were the Bagwells two children, John and Emily.



These Blue Mountain College ministerial students, accompanied by Rev. Rob Suggs, BSU director visited New Orleans Seminary recently. Left to right: top row, Danny Estes, Mike Bell. Bottom row: Jerry Smith, Steve Hardwick, Willie Crawley, Glen Putman, Jerry Sanford, Ray Kirk, Mr. Suggs, and Alan Son.



Seeing double... You better believe it! Getting ready for a special performance in an evening service at Broadmoor Church, Jackson are three sets of twins, all in the same four-year old choir at Broadmoor. They are pairs, 1 to r.) Heather and Trevor Hurd, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hurd, Mary Lynn and Laura Anne Carr, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carr, and Christy and Trey Bryant, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Bryant.

Goodnewscasters

By Frank Pollard, Pastor, First, Jackson

A few years ago it was my excited privilege to attend a Billy Graham Crusade. A huge, new professional stadium was the meeting place. On a Monday evening our family was seated high up in the second tier. My son said: "Dad, do you have to make a decision to see what AstroTurf looks like?" I began to look around at that magnificent structure and wonder if we were using the facility to its best potential. For instance, it would be interesting, I thought, if the scoreboard clock could indicate how many minutes were left in the preacher's sermon. Or, perhaps we could get a running total of how many decisions were made. That's a good score to keep.

Then I saw the long rows of darkened rooms around the rim of the stadium — the press boxes. I know that if a football game were being played that night those rooms would be filled with men and equipment. Reporters would be interpreting to a viewing and listening audience the action on the field, explaining such strange terms as "crack-back block," "flanker," "tight-end," and "bomb."

"Wouldn't it be great," I pondered, "if they were televising this event in the same way?" One network might call it "ABC's Monday Night at the Crusade." In their press box would be three men—one, a somewhat sardonic professional reporter and two ex-pulpit stars to lend color to the comments on the night's activity.

As the camera zoomed in on a 7,000-voice choir singing "Amazing Grace," Howie might say: "Don, you weren't much of a preacher in your day, but maybe you can tell us what 'Amazing Grace' means."

"Well, Howie, you need to know that it does not mean the blue-eyed blonde down at the office. It speaks of a Heavenly Father who loves us so much that he got into his world with us. He became a man. Because of that, we know that he knows what it's like down here and we know what he's like up there, and that he loves us. He invites everyone to receive His love and his life. That's what 'Amazing Grace' means!"

Maybe during decision time the camera could zoom in on someone kneeling with a counselor, accepting Christ. Several "instant replays" might be shown until everyone understands how to be saved.

The beginning of the service snapped my mind back to reality. But I've thought a lot of times since of how all of us are called to be Goodnewscasters. Not to sit high in a stadium and interpret a crusade to a television audience, rather to go into our world, beyond the stained-glass windows and tell people that redemption has a meaning not related to trading stamps. To tell them God in heaven loves them and wants to give them, through Christ, the best kind of life that never ends.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Continuing His Mission

By Bill Duncan

Luke 24:1-53

A Southern Baptist missionary to Liberia, just back from a trip, read three crumpled notes progressively. One said, "I am sick, please try to send money, so I can come to the doctor." The second read, "Please come and carry me to the doctor. . . I believe I will die." The third told of the person's death and requested the missionary to come and conduct a funeral service.

The next day, on his way to the funeral, the missionary stopped the car at an impassable stream



and walked the footlog to the village. There he saw people huddled together making sounds of mourning. The gravediggers announced that the hole was finished, so the missionary quickly planned his service. Several songs were sung, and three pastors spoke of the love of the Lord and his blessed resurrection promises. The gravediggers stripped bark from small trees and tied poles to the coffin which made it more convenient for

Sunday School Lesson: International

We Have A Hope

by Wm. J. Fallis
I Corinthians 15:3-5, 58;
Hebrews 13

This is our last lesson based on the book of Hebrews. Its affirmation focuses on hope; the other four lessons have declared that we have a revelation, a great High Priest, a relationship, and a faith. All together, the lessons have underscored the uniqueness of Jesus Christ. Because the book of Hebrews seems to have been addressed to Grecian Jews who had become followers of Christ, its frequent Old Testament quotations and references to Jewish religious practice may seem strange to many Gentile Christians. But not to those who recognize the ties between the Old Testament and Christianity. The hope expressed in the one was dramatically reaffirmed in Christ's resurrection as the bedrock of the other.

The Lesson Explained
THE HOPE THAT EQUIPS FOR LIFE (vv. 20-21)

Obviously these two verses are the benediction for the whole book, but as is often the case, the benediction is a summary of the writer's conviction as well as a prayer for his readers. He calls on the God who gives peace, who brought Jesus back to life, who has provided an everlasting covenant—all to "make you perfect in every good work." God achieved these through the life

and prayer were hollow words, and life a hell on earth." is how one writer described the life of the disciples without the resurrection.

A few days later the resurrection was a reality and the disciples were aflame. Their mission on earth was irrepressible. They had a story that could not be contained. They planned nothing less than a conquest of the earth with His message. The dismal defeat had become a glowing victory.

To know the reality of the resurrection in our time does make life worth living. Upon hearing of Jesus and the resurrection for the first time, a political leader of India said, "If this story is true, nothing else makes any difference."

The Women At The Tomb

Luke explains that the followers of Jesus adhered to the Jewish law of the sabbath for rest and worship. Because the tomb lay outside a sabbath's day's journey, the women did not go to the tomb until the first day of the week. The reason they went was to finish embalming the body with spices. They went at early dawn as soon as possible.

The heavy stone placed at the entrance of the tomb to protect the body from animals was already rolled away when they arrived. The body was not there. The failure to find the body produced perplexity and not faith. The belief in the resurrection is not based upon the absence of the body but the personal appearance of Jesus Christ as recorded in I Corinthians 15:1-5-8. But it is important for us to know that the actual body of Jesus of Nazareth was raised in order to crush any thoughts that the resurrected Christ was a ghost or spirit. Jesus that was dead became alive. The fact of the empty tomb is in all accounts of the resurrection.

Two men arrayed as heavenly messengers explained the meaning of the empty tomb to the women. The messengers told the women that they had come to the wrong place to look for Jesus and in Galilee He had predicted the resurrection. The women then re-

those who were persecuted. Put yourself in their place, the author urged, to quicken your compassion and your service.

The love that grows from the Christian hope can transform the marriage relationship from a contract to a covenant. Neither partner should "use" the other; each should seek the happiness of the other. Having such love, neither one would betray the intimate sexual commitment. Nor would he or she violate the integrity of another home. Along with the sex drive, the writer of Hebrews thought of the appetite for money. The first part of verse 5 is more meaningful in the RSV: "Keep your life free from the love of money." To "be content" here does not mean to stifle ambition, but it does warn against letting the hunger for "things" rule and ruin life.

The writer of Hebrews recalled from the Old Testament the reassurances for depending on God. The latter part of verse 5 is a popular paraphrase of Genesis 28:15, and most of verse 6 comes from Psalm 118:6. This counsel was meaningful for both Jews and Christians.

THE BASIS OF OUR HOPE (vv. 7-8)

No believer comes to his faith without help from another. So, the writer of Hebrews urged his readers to remember their former leaders who brought the message of God to them. These could have been apostles; they certainly included pastors and laymen of the previous generation.

The basis of their faith and hope was Jesus the Messiah, who never changes. He is unchanging, and always dependable.

membered His words of prophecy. The women then returned to Jerusalem where the disciples were staying together and told what they had seen and experienced. The men wanted to dismiss their report as simply an emotional tale of excited women. They did not believe the women until they had become convinced of the resurrection by their own personal experience.

Proof Of The Resurrection

As the disciples from Emmaus were giving their report of the appearance of the resurrected Christ, he came into the room with the assembled disciples on the evening of the first Easter. There was no doubt that it was Jesus standing among them. The Risen Christ was no phantom, or ghost or hallucination. Christianity is not founded on the dreams of men's minds or visions of tears or ideas of excitable women but on one who in actual historical fact faced and fought and conquered death and rose again.

In order to give assurance to his words and appearance, He invited the disciples to see and feel his body, to verify the reality of a body of flesh and bones and not a spirit. This still was not enough to convince the disciples of their initial supposition. "They still disbelieved for joy" is characteristic of the Gospel which shows the apostles in the best possible light. They have difficulty in accepting the incredible, wonderful fact of the resurrection. Their doubts are dispelled only when Jesus eats a piece of broiled fish and a honey comb before them.

The affirmation of a physical resurrection and an empty tomb changed the craven men into courageous men. They continued the mission Jesus started storming successfully all over the Roman empire. They faced persecution and death itself without wavering because they knew Jesus did not stay dead.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ declares that life is meaningful, that love is stronger than hate, and most of all that life is stronger than death.



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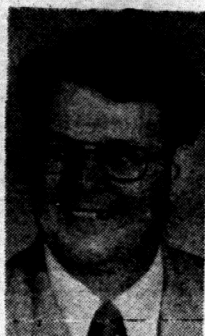
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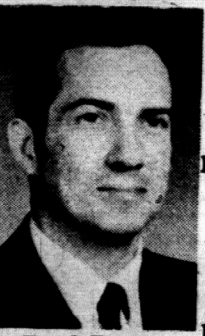
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Graham Sees Spiritual Explosion In N. Mexico

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not just take place in the University Arena. Rarely has a Crusade been so saturated with preparation and prayer. Meetings, Bible studies and 4,000 prayer groups were organized throughout the state. There wasn't an area in the state of New Mexico that was not touched. The message was carried into jails, prisons, girls' detention homes, offices, schools,

shops, country clubs, technical training centers and churches. Graham himself addressed 800 leading scientists at nearby Los Alamos, the atomic energy center of the United States.

The young people almost took over the Crusade. They enlisted nearly 3,000 volunteers who telephoned every number in the Albuquerque directory and invited people to the meetings. On Thursday afternoon, March 20, they

held a mile-and-a-half "walk for love" through the city streets with hundreds of youth, Indians, blacks, Anglos, Spanish-Americans — demonstrating Christ's love for the world.

Translators conveyed the Gospel into Spanish, Navajo and deaf sign language every night. New Mexico is the most bi-lingual state in the Union, and the response of people of Spanish background was unusually high.

Musicians who brought the Gos-

pel in song to the Crusade included George Beverly Shea, Andree Crouch, Norma Zimmer, Ethel Waters, Myrtle Hall, Bob and Jane Henley, Tedd Smith, and Don Hustad. On Saturday night, the Crusade honored thousands of New Mexico Indians who came to the Arena. Music was provided by the famous Claus Indian family.

There were so many satellite meetings going on that it was very difficult for reporters to keep up

with them. For example, a School of Evangelism was held which drew 650 pastors and seminary students representing 40 denominations for four days of instruction by outstanding clergy, theological professors and laymen from all over the United States. Graham told newsmen, "The New Mexico Crusade was one of the most colorful and memorable of my entire ministry."

The Crusade closed on Palm Sunday afternoon with an overflow crowd listening to Dr. Graham preach on "The Wrath of God." "When you come to the judgment," he warned, "you will find that God has all the tapes on your life, including the thoughts and intents of your heart. If you appear without Christ, he will pronounce you guilty. For while there are many good and kind people outside of Christ, they, like us, come short of the kind of perfection God demands. They, too, are under the sentence of death and the wrath of God. The only thing that can save them or us is what happened on that first Good Friday when Jesus Christ took our sins upon Him at Calvary."

The Billy Graham Team will hold its next Crusade in Mississippi Memorial Stadium, Jackson, Mississippi, May 11-18.

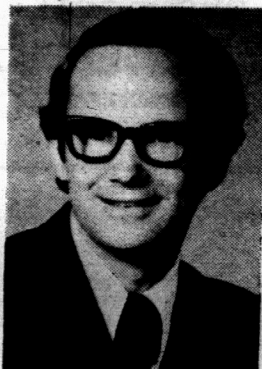
Dr. Graham will spend six weeks in Europe this summer addressing the Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm, Sweden; speaking at the 100th Anniversary of the famous Keswick Bible Conference in Keswick, England, in July; speaking every night at Eurofest in Brussels, Belgium, where thousands of young people from all over Europe are expected to gather; and holding a major Crusade in Brussels itself. On August 10, he will address the American Bar Association meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Helps To Operate Publishing House

The Cooperative Program is the life-line of support for the 28 missionaries serving at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso. In addition to assistance in basic salary support, the missionaries are provided medical assistance and travel funds for use in missionary service.

The day by day operation of the Publishing House is supported in part by funds from the Cooperative Program. Cooperative Program funds are blended with income derived from the sale of products and contributions from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to enable the Publishing House to publish over two million pieces of church literature, five million tracts and one million books per year. The special assistance from the Cooperative Program helps us to make these materials available at prices that our Baptist brethren in the Spanish-speaking world can afford to pay. The total budget of the Publishing House for this year is \$925,000 and Southern Baptists will help us to meet these obligations as they contribute to the Cooperative Program. Mrs. Thomas W. (Connie) Hill, Baptist Spanish Publishing House El Paso, Texas.

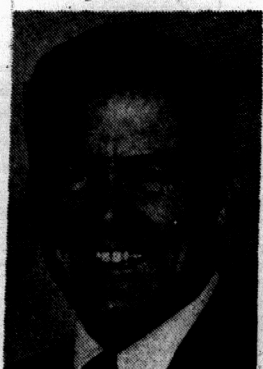
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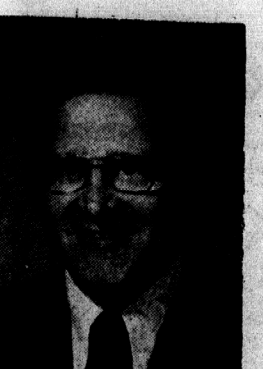
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Burns, pastor, First Ellenville; Directors and Adult Advisers, Ralph B. Winders.

Saturday afternoon conferences and leaders are: Creative Worship, Bradley J. Pope; It's Time to Grow Up; Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, First, Ellenville How Leaders Lead, Ed Rollins; Developing a Puppet Ministry, Ted Hayes, minister of Youth, First Church, Starkville; Sharing Your Personal Faith on Campus, Charles Baker; Current Theological Trends (direct-

tors and adults), Fisher H. Humphreys.

In the business session Saturday afternoon Student Convention officers for 1975-76 will be elected. The new officers will be installed at a banquet Saturday night with the students from Blue Mountain College, Robert Sugg, BSU director, in charge. Officers who have served this year (1974-75) include: Conrad Howell, William Carey, president; Sam Sumrall, MSU, vice president; Sandra Oliver, MUW, secretary; Brenda Crockett, Delta State; Eddie Golden, ECJC; Earl Bowie, USM,

Executive Committee members; James L. Travis, Blue Mountain College, faculty adviser; Bill Baker, Clinton, pastor adviser; and Cornell Daughtry, MDJC, student director adviser.

An orientation session for 1975 student missionaries (BSU, Home Mission Board, and Pioneer Missions) will be held Saturday afternoon. The missionaries will be commissioned in the Saturday

A home is not always what you make it; neighbors make it noisy, friends mess it up, and the landlord makes it expensive.

night service.

Pat Tidmore, USM, who will serve as a summer missionary in Eastern Europe with a choir-witnessing team, will direct the music for the conference.

State Baptist Student Convention president, Conrad Howell, USM, will preside and Ralph B. Winders, state Director of Student Work, is in general charge.

Reservations for lodging and meals should be made on blanks in the hands of all BSU directors and must be in the office of the Department of Student Work by April 8.

Yes, I Was There!

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this church as pastor.

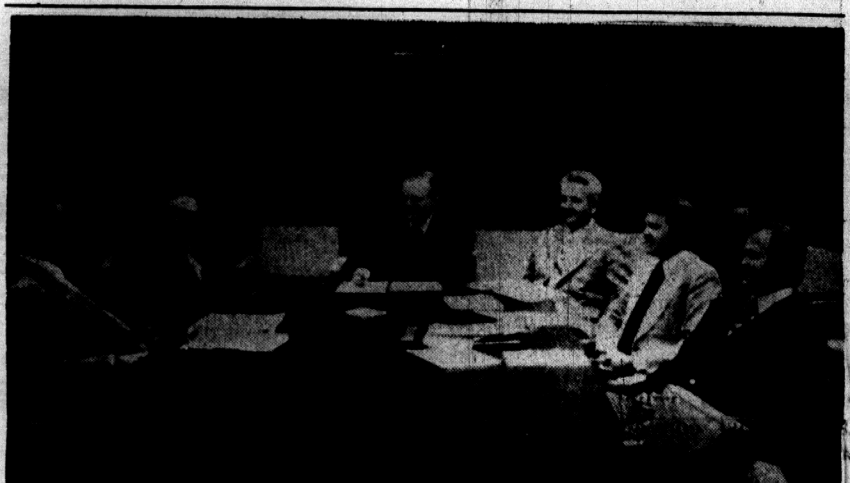
Due to the financial collapse in 1920 the full amount was not paid — \$50,000,000 plus, an average of nearly \$2,000,000 per year, was received. Some churches paid their entire pledges, among them Oakland Baptist Church in Kentucky where I was privileged to serve 1921-25. (The contributing factor was the response the people gave to our southwide Tithing Campaign — a great spiritual victory when the church went beyond the goal set for pledging to tithe.)

The \$75,000,000 Campaign provided the greatest spiritual uplift that we had ever experienced. People were saved, many responded to God's call to the ministry, great numbers volunteered for the mission fields at home and abroad, and our churches were well attended. It was a glorious era never to be forgotten.

Our leaders were aware of the fact that when this five-year period was drawing to a close that our Baptist people needed a real challenge to make possible a continuous advance. After many meetings, much prayer and genuine concern, the Cooperative Program was conceived by the committee appointed to work out a plan.

In May 1925 at Memphis, Tennessee, Southern Baptists under the leadership of the Holy Spirit adopted the Cooperative Program as our plan for providing for our many worthy missionary, educational and benevolent causes. It is the best plan so far conceived and put into operation by Southern Baptists. It has contributed to our greatness.

Yes! I was there.



The Gulfshore Restoration Committee of the State Convention Board met March 28 at the Baptist Building for the purpose of continuing its plans for construction of the facility. Seated around table are, from left: Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of Board, ex-officio; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, chairman; Dr. Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko, president of Convention Board ex-officio; Rev. Frank Gunn, Biloxi, and Henry Holman, Jackson. (Not present is Dr. Bob Hamblin, Tupelo.)

Gulfshore Restoration Committee Makes Plans For Starting Construction

The Gulfshore Restoration Committee of the State Convention Board met at the Baptist Building in Jackson on March 28 to continue its plans for the rebuilding of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian.

The Board was authorized by the Convention to direct the restoration and the committee was named by the Board to expedite plans.

The committee, of which Dr. Brooks Wester of Hattiesburg is chairman, plans to meet again Friday, April 4 after which time it is expected that the architect for the project will be announced so rebuilding can be started as soon as possible. Other members of the committee besides Dr. Wester are Glenn Perry, Frank Gunn, Henry Holman, and Robert

L. Hamblin, ex-officio members are Harold Kitchings, Convention Board President, and James Richardson, President of the state Convention.

The Convention voted "to proceed immediately with construction of the assembly" and granted permission for the Board to borrow funds if necessary to complete the task.

At the 1972 Convention it was voted to delay construction until \$1,250,000 had been raised in a "special fund drive." This drive was made, and at the 1974 Convention the committee reported that the goal had been reached in cash and pledges. It was at that time that the Board was instructed to proceed with the construction.

As of April 1, there was a total

M.F. Rayburn Dies At 76

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president of the Bankers Trust Savings and Loan Co., and was manager of one of its local offices. He was long a co-owner of the Lenray Paint and Glass Co. of Meridian, and also had served as a director of the First National Bank of that city.

He had been a member of the Southside Baptist Church of Meridian for many years, where he was a life time deacon and had served among other things as a Sunday School teacher, as Sunday School superintendent, and as church treasurer from 1943 to 1960.

Mr. Rayburn also had been very active in Mississippi Baptist affairs for many years. He was president of the convention in 1959 and 1960.

He had served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for a number of years, and on the Executive Committee of the Board. He had been a member of the Board of Trustees of William Carey College. He was a member of the first Board of Trustees of Christian Action Commission.

He had been on numerous boards and committees, including those on Gulfshore, and on the committee set for the development of the new camping facility of the Brotherhood near Kosciusko. He was returning from a

of \$1,501,209.54 in the Gulfshore Fund. Cash received since the campaign began in 1973 has totaled \$516,344.30. Of this, \$19,540.35 was received in the last month and a half (after the convention) of 1973; \$382,439.41 in 1974; and \$114,324.63 in the first three months of 1975.

meeting of this latter committee at the camp site, when the heart attack which took his life occurred.

In Southern Baptist life he had served for a number of years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Brotherhood, and was a member of that Board at the time of his death.

For a brief period in 1948 he had served as Administrative Assistant to the Convention Board Executive Secretary, working on a part time basis.

In 1950 he was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Preaching Mission to Italy and Spain led by Dr. Chester L. Quarles. Each preacher and layman in the group worked in a revival in one of the two European countries. The trip included a visit to the Holy Land.

Mr. Rayburn also was active in the Masonic Fraternity, having held numerous high leadership posts in the organization, and at the time of his death was the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

At the memorial services, his former pastor, Rev. Estus Mason, spoke of his being a man of great faith and dedication to the Lord's work. His present pastor, Rev. John Hopper, spoke of him as a man, who, like Enoch, "walked with God." This was demonstrated, said the pastor, "by his ceaseless devoted service to his church, his denomination and his community." The pastor spoke of the "perennial freshness of spirit which comes when one walks with God." Mr. Rayburn "enjoyed life, loving and living," he said.

Family Life Meet In Brookhaven

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Church, Brookhaven; Tom Ross, director, Our Town for Youth, Brookhaven; and Rev. Wayne Barber, minister of Family Life Center, First Church, Brookhaven.

On April 6, guest speakers will be featured in several of the area churches: Easthaven, First, Brookhaven, New Sight, Heuck's Retreat, Central, Pearlhaven, Mt. Moriah, Bogue Chitto, Pleasant Grove, Friendship, Macedonia, and Mt. Zion. These speakers will be Dr. John Howell, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Horace Kerr, and Harold Bergen.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings of the conference the resource persons will meet with pastors, staff members and wives to consider the work of the church in meeting family needs. Lunch will be served to the group following the conferences. The morning conferences will begin at 10.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings there will be provision for every member of the family. These sessions will meet at First Church, Brookhaven at 7 p.m. Wayne Barber, minister, Family Life Center, FBC, Brookhaven, will be in charge of activities for children; Dr. P. A. Michel, pastor, FBC, Brookhaven, will lead the conferences for youth.

There will be four different conferences each night for adults. Each person will choose the particular conference he wishes to attend. Conference leaders for adults will include: Mrs. Hensley, Dr. Howell, Mr. Bergen, and Dr. Hensley. Each evening session will be concluded with a period of worship. Dr. Hensley will be the speaker for the worship period on Monday night and Dr. Howell will be the speaker for the worship period on Tuesday night.

Plans for this conference have been coordinated by the Christian Action Committee of the Lincoln County Association, Rev. Larry Barlow, chairman.

Rev. Eugene Roberts is director of Missions for the association; Rev. James Griffith is the moderator.

SBC Ministers Wives' Conference To Hear Criswell

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, will speak here at the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference at 12:30 p.m., June 10, at Central Baptist Church.

The conference, which meets in conjunction with the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be built around the theme, "Gateway to the World" and will center on "The Woman — in the Word, Into the World."

Mrs. Jim Hughes, 5340 S. W. 88th Ct., Miami, Fla. 33165, is in charge of advance registration. Tickets may be paid for, at \$4.50 each, at the registration desk, not in advance. They will be sold on Monday and Tuesday mornings, June 9 and 10, according to Mrs. Maurice Clayton, president of the Ministers' Wives Conference.



Parents of Mississippi missionaries were honored at a luncheon during the WMU Convention. Those parents who were present are from left to right: SEATED: Mrs. Richard Blush, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Frederick, Mrs. and Mr. V. S. Giles, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dunkley, Mrs. Martin J. Gilbert, Mrs. Garrison Haggan, Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick. STANDING: front row, Mrs. and Dr. R. A. Herrington, Mrs. Otto Bell, Mr. Richard Blush, Mrs. Tommy Bryan, Mrs. L. E. Stewart, Mrs. L. M. Greer,

Mrs. H. H. Batson, Mrs. J. F. Thatcher, Mrs. Lewis Myers, Sr., Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Mr. Lewis Myers, Sr., Mr. M. C. McDaniel, Mrs. and Mr. James Bradley, Mrs. M. C. McDaniel, Mrs. Barney Ishee, Mrs. J. I. Rankin, Mrs. John T. Vineyard, Mrs. A. J. Dedeaux, Mrs. C. C. Applewhite. STANDING: back row, Rev. and Mrs. Hal Lee, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Green, Mrs. Charles L. Deevers.



At The WMU Convention

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Lee N. Allen, assistant executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, B'ham, Miss Beverly Hammack, Christian Social Ministries, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Mrs. Louie Odom, Jackson, who led in the congregational singing and presented special music during the convention.

PraiSing '75

Program Director Is Named, MBCB

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sions and program organizations.

These include Brotherhood, Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Cooperative Missions, Evangelism, Student Work, Church Music, Church Training and Sunday School, as well as the transferred employees, Church Architectural and Church Administration consultants. The WMU, which is auxiliary to the Convention, will also cooperate along with the other departments.

Mr. Vaughn is a native of Trussville, Ala., and was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co. from 1942-53, serving as manager of the Pascagoula, Brookhaven and Meridian offices in Mississippi.

He holds a BA degree from Mississippi College and a MRE degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

He has served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association and also as program chairman for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

In his position at the Sunday School Board he has specialized in leadership training.

Mr. Vaughn has traveled widely, worked in most of the state conventions, Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., Conference Centers, as well as other areas.

Mr. Vaughn is married to the former Evelyn Hollifield, daughter of Mrs. S. E. Hollifield and the late Mr. Hollifield of Meridian. Mr. Vaughn's mother now makes her home with the Vaughn family. The Vaughns have two children, Jim, born in 1950 and Harriet, born in 1961.

In his new position of Program Director Mr. Vaughn will be responsible to the Executive Secretary - Treasurer for giving over-

all supervision to the directors and consultants listed above.

The other departments and offices, not listed, will continue to be under the direct supervision of Dr. Kelly, who also retains final responsibility for all phases of the work of the Board.

The other new position, yet to be filled is that of "Church - Minister Relations."

In reference to the "Church-Minister Relations" Department Dr. Kelly said that continuous inquiries from the churches, ministers and other church staff members as well as many other factors indicate an acute need for this service.

He added that the department would provide essentially an information center regarding churches that needed pastors and other workers and ministers and other workers who needed help in getting located.

Rev. Leon Emery, formerly associate in the Cooperative Missions Department in charge of church administration promotion, has been transferred to the new program director as a consultant in church administration.

Rev. Dennis Conniff, formerly associate in the Sunday School Department, who gives the majority of his time to church architecture promotion, has been transferred to the program director as a "consultant in church architecture."

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — The spring semester enrollment at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, which includes 59 from Mississippi, has surprised seminary officials. A record 2343 students have enrolled, including 248 new students, according to figures released by L. L. Collins, director of admissions and registrar.

Mississippi Week At Ridgecrest Already Assured Of High Attendance

MISSISSIPPI WEEK AT RIDGECREST is already assured of the highest attendance in more than ten years for one week at a Church Training Leadership Conference, according to Kermit S. King, Mississippi Church Training Department Director. Registrations are already over a hundred. Twenty of these are Association Directors of Missions or Association Church Training Directors.

Twenty-seven churches have reported to the Department office the registration of one or more persons. These are from nineteen different associations.

The week of July 12-18 has been designated especially for Mississippians. Although designed primarily for persons with positions of responsibility in Church Training, there will be leadership conferences during this week for Sunday School workers so that individuals with responsibility in both

organizations can receive training in both areas.

Registrations have been reported from the following ASSOCIATIONS and Churches: **GULF COAST:** Bay Vista; **HINDS-MADISON:** First Jackson, Northside Clinton, Oak Forest, Parkway, Woodland Hills; **HOLMES:** First Lexington; **JACKSON:** Griffin Street; **JEFF DAVIS:** Dublin; **LEE:** Harrisburg, Parkway; **MARION:** First Columbia; **MONROE:** Greenwood Springs; **NE-SHOBA:** First Philadelphia; **NOX-UBEE:** Calvary, First Macon; **OKTIBBEHA:** First Starkville; **PIKE:** Central; **PONTOTOC:** West Heights; **QUITMAN:** Sledge; **RANKIN:** Eastside, Trinity; **SUNFLOWER:** Eastwood; **TATE:** Mt. Zion; **TISHOMINGO:** Iuka; **UNION**

This is primarily a leadership week. Reservations are still available. Write for reservations to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770. Include \$15.00 per person for the required registration fee.



NASHVILLE—Only four people managed to stay through the entire 30 hours of the "Sing the Hymnal Through" program at "Praising '75." From the left, they are M. A. Mayo, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Lois McGaha, Spartanburg, S. C.; Jimmy McCaleb, 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.; and Howard Swink, Sr., Edgewood, Md. The 76 year old Mayo had only one complaint: no place to do his daily calisthenics.



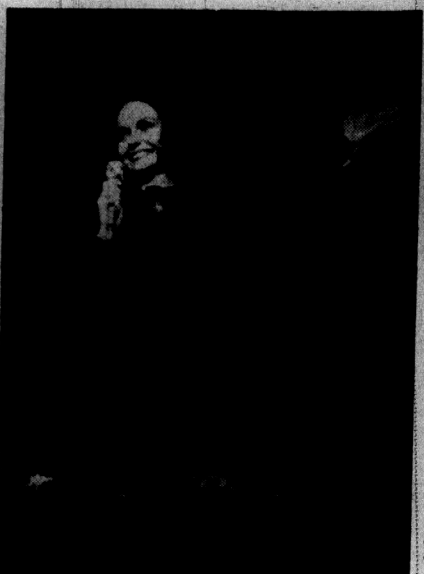
NASHVILLE — But If You Only Knew How Tired... William J. Reynolds found it necessary to do a little extra prodding to encourage Bill Anderson of the church music department to continue in the "Sing the Hymnal Through" effort at "Praising '75." Don't worry though, they finished right on schedule.



NASHVILLE—Over 10,000 persons attended "Praising '75" here recently to celebrate the premiere of the new "Baptist Hymnal." Some of the program personalities were (1) Jerry Clower, Grand Ole



Opry star from Yazoo City, Miss., who was master of ceremonies for country gospel night; (2) Cynthia Clawson, concert artist from Dallas; (3) Jean-



nie C. Riley, country western singer.

NASHVILLE — History Onstage: Mrs. B. B. McKinney, wife of the late composer, was honored on closing night of Praising alone with W. Hines Sims (r), retired secretary, church music department, BSSB. McKinney, first secretary of the Board's church music department, was the editor of "Broadman Hymnal," published in 1940. Sims edited the "Baptist Hymnal," published 1966. With them is William J. Reynolds, present secretary, church music department, and general editor of the new "Baptist Hymnal."

FMB Sends Relief Money To Vietnam

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come refugees in the recent upheavals in Vietnam," said R. Keith Parks, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia.

"As the multitudes struggle toward safety, some are dying for lack of food and water. The mission's most urgent priority will be to join other volunteer agencies and the South Vietnamese govern-

ment in trying to feed these starving people."

In a telephone call, Parks learned from missionaries H. Earl Bengs Jr. and S. F. Longbottom Jr., that most missionary wives and children are moving to Saigon while the men stay to assist in feeding and care of refugees. They said that food supplies are available on the local market but are expensive.

The missionaries are trying to

lease boats to help evacuate refugees from the northern coastal areas to the more secure areas of the south, according to Parks.

When the request for \$600,000 was received from the Vietnam Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries), board officials phoned The Southern Baptist Executive Committee in Nashville and several state Baptist conventions advising them of the request.

The resulting one-quarter million dollars, includes relief monies received earlier from churches and individuals by the Foreign Mission Board and funds in the process of being transmitted to the board by the states.

"The missionaries are deeply appreciative of the money immediately made available from the Foreign Mission Board," Parks said.

The large sums for Vietnam and Bangladesh were made possible in part by world relief efforts by state Baptist conventions in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and Texas. Other state conventions are also collecting money for world relief.

Southern Baptist missionary William T. Roberson reported that the South Vietnam government estimates about 500,000 refugees will infiltrate the coastal towns of Nhatrang, Phantheit and Phanrang, with about the same number, expected to arrive in Danang.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 — The world Jewish population is estimated at 14,150,000, according to the American Jewish Year Book, whose 1974-75 edition has just been published. There are approximately 5,732,000 Jews in the United States, more than in any other country.

Spring Children's Music Leadership Clinics To Be A Part Of The Scene In April And May

"Sunday Night Sounds" coming from the children's areas in churches in Mississippi will claim the attention of twelve of the approved workers in the Church Music Department in April and May. In the effort to reach more

children's workers with music help, the Spring Children's Music Leadership Clinics sponsored by the Church Music Department will offer demonstration rehearsals for both experienced and inexperienced choir workers, preschool through the sixth grade.

In addition to this feature, these clinics will offer four interest groups; everyone attending can select any two to attend. Specific help will be given for the worker who has nothing more than the hymnal as a resource, the worker who wants to give musical help to children but does not play an instrument, the worker who needs

help in learning the songs in the Sunday School, Church Training and mission periodicals, the worker who needs to know how to make his own supplies and teaching helps.

Conferences are scheduled in the following churches: Emmanuel, Grenada, April 24; 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, May 6; and West Height, Pontotoc, May 8. All sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

More information may be obtained by contacting the association music director or the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

"Mercy Drops Are Falling, But For The Showers We Plead!"

By James F. Yates, Pastor
First, Yazoo City

It is interesting to observe that before our Lord commanded His followers to "Go," or "Pray," He said, "Look!" "Lift up your eyes and look." (John 4:35). And so it was that eight years after their

organization, Southern Baptists took a look at themselves and at their world and sought to determine how they could most effectively minister to that world in terms of making the best use of their financial resources. It was surely under the leadership of the Holy Spirit that the Cooperative Program was brought to birth. This plan of denominational finance has helped to stabilize all of the denomination's work on both the state and convention - wide levels and has continued to be the basis of support and a source of growth for the Convention. During these 50 years of the Cooperative Program, God in His mercy and grace has showered countless blessings upon Southern Baptists as they have tried to take seriously His command to disciple all nations.

From May, 1925, through December, 1973, the Cooperative

Program has provided \$243,678,904 for Southern Baptist foreign Mission Board. And today there are more than 2,600 missionaries serving in 82 countries. In the area of home missions, an effective, well-trained force of more than 2,200 leads Southern Baptists in their home missions efforts to cross barriers with the Gospel. On six seminary campuses a record number of men and women are getting excellent training to prepare them for leadership positions in our churches, mission boards, educational institutions, and service agencies. Radio and Television Com-

mission programs are heard each week on one out of every four radio and television stations in the country, proclaiming the Gospel message and offering spiritual growth. Yes, "mercy drops are falling, but for the showers we plead!" So let's take a look at some facts.

The average church member in the Southern Baptist Convention gives about \$9.00 through the Cooperative Program, according to the latest figures. About \$6.00 of this stays in the state and \$3.00 goes to Nashville. Of this \$3.00, the distribution is as follows: Foreign Mission Board — \$1.50;

Home Mission Board — .57c; Seminaries — .63c; Radio and Television Commission — .14c; all other (agencies and commissions) — .16c.

In the year 1974 the total giving of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention amounted to approximately \$1,300,000,000. In the same year, Cooperative Program giving amounted to approximately \$105,000,000. It takes very little arithmetic to see that the average church in the Convention is giving only 8% of its gifts through the Cooperative Program. While the number of Southern Baptists has shown considerable

increase during the years to a record 12,300,000, and gifts to all causes have increased, the percentage which the churches are passing on to world-wide causes is slowly declining!

In recent months the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention were requested to submit in writing their greatest needs and what they could do with additional funds, should Southern Baptists respond to the challenge to give \$150 million in Cooperative Program gifts in 1976. The response was quite revealing. Almost without exception every agency had something to say about the effect inflation has had on its work. Seminaries spoke of a need to upgrade faculty salaries to bring them in line with other theological seminaries in America, a need for additional faculty members to meet the increased enrollment, and additional funds for book budgets and renovation of buildings. Mission boards spoke of new areas which needed to be entered and new ministries which needed to be implemented. The Radio and Television Commission told of programs whose production had been suspended because of a lack of funds and of new and exciting ventures which await funding. And so from all the other agencies it was interesting, but not surprising, to note that not one of them replied, saying, "we don't know what we would do with the money." These dedicated servants, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, have a vision of what God would have them do in their

specific areas of service and are ready to move when Southern Baptists make the money available.

Total budget requests from the above mentioned agencies for 1976 amount to approximately \$46,000,000 while the total anticipated gifts amount to approximately \$42,000,000. Thus, a difference of \$4,000,000. If every Southern Baptist would give \$1.00 more through the Cooperative Program, the states would have an additional \$8,000,000 with which to meet some of their growing needs, and the Southern Baptist Convention would have an additional \$4,000,000 with which to meet all the immediate requests.

I have decided it with the Cooperative Program supported ministries on the Southern Baptist Convention level. We must not forget that the ministries of our 33 state conventions are also supported through our Cooperative Program gifts. So much has been done, but there is so much that remains to be done. God has blessed us in such a marvelous way. He waits to further bless us when we become more deeply committed in the matter of the stewardship of possessions. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing."



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April Showers

(RNS Photo by Bob Lindt)

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Guest Editorial

Fascinating Facts Behind SBC Statistics

Jack Harwell, in Christian Index, (Ga.)
"Some statistics tell stories; some statisticians tell lies." This is how a wag described excessive use of facts and figures to prove any and all points. However, some statistics are vital in telling facts and trends about Baptists.

Turn to page one and read the Baptist Press account of 1974 statistics reported by 34,734 Southern Baptist churches in 50 states. These are revealing statistics. Study them carefully.

(Story appeared in BR on Feb. 27.)

They document growth and progress in most Baptist ministries in a day when organized religious bodies of many descriptions are struggling numerically and experientially. Southern Baptists must be doing something right or God would not be using and blessing them as He clearly is doing.

However, some interesting trends do not show up in the sketchy data in our page one story. Martin Bradley, the Baptist Sunday School

Board's statistical expert gave us some background interpretation.

For example, Mr. Bradley said the average Southern Baptist church has 365 members; has 213 Sunday School enrollees; has 87 members in Church Training; has 58 in music ministries; has an annual budget of \$37,900 and gives \$3,678 per year to the Cooperative Program. This means that Southern Baptists are still basically a small church people; we shan't and shouldn't forget that.

Mr. Bradley pointed out that "established" Southern Baptist states showing most growth in 1974 were Arkansas, Arizona, Maryland, California, Florida and Oklahoma. Georgia was not included.

Greatest percentage of church membership losses among Southern Baptists last year, according to Mr. Bradley were in cities with 2,500-9,999 population. Americans are still migrating to cities; Baptists haven't yet mastered evangelism techniques in metropolises.

The number of adults baptized by Southern Baptists jumped from

149,582 in 1973 to 161,265 in 1974. However, the number of children (ages 6-11) baptized dropped from 143,099 in 1973 to 132,192 last year. Does that relate to the fact that SBC Sunday Schools enrolled 57,000 fewer children last year than the year before? What does this say about tomorrow in our churches and our denomination?

Almost 6,000 Southern Baptist churches did not report a single baptism in 1974; almost 5,000 churches which claim to be Southern Baptist did not give a penny to the Cooperative Program last year. What are all of us doing to help these friends in those churches to know the joy of outreach evangelism and world mission participation?

Just about half of our SBC churches have building debts totalling \$964.7-million; that total increased by more than \$500-million last year; 5,800 more churches contemplate building programs in 1975. Could that explain why the average SBC church gives less than 10 cents out of every dollar to the Cooperative Program?

A startling statistic was reported by Mr. Bradley: over 3,000 SBC churches reported that they do not have a single deacon in their fellowship. You tell me what that means; I don't know.

Sermon Rating?

Here is a sermon rating system adapted "For Fun" by William Hall Preston, a deacon in Nashville's Belmont Heights Baptist Church — it might come in handy:

"G" — Generally acceptable — Full of inoffensive platitudes such as, "Go ye into all the world and smile" — Usually described as "Wonderful" or "Marvelous."

"M" — Mature congregation — Message relevant in a subtle way to today's issues — "Challenging" but no resulting action taken.

"R" — Restricted to those not upset by truth — "Tells it like it is" — Described as "disturbing" or "controversial."

"X" — Explosive ideas — Really "Socks it to 'em." Such like sermons landed Jeremiah in the well, got Amos run out of town, set up the stoning of Stephen — called "shocking" or "in poor taste." The preacher of such better have his suitcase packed and insurance paid up.

BEHOLD THE MAN by George Cornell (Word, 206 pp., \$5.95) A fascinating study of Christ, written by a distinguished newspaper man, George W. Cornell who is widely known as an Associated Press Religion writer. Carefully he has gathered together facts related to the life of Christ and those around him, and in this story gives a vivid picture which the reader cannot forget. The reader becomes acquainted with the wise men, with Herod, with the prophets, with Joseph and Mary, with our Lord, himself. There are new insights concerning the apostles, the ministry of Jesus, his death, his resurrection and the great events which followed. This is a valuable volume because it is the work of a man who has learned to gather facts and then interpret them so that the average reader can understand. He has done a good job.

NO LITTLE PEOPLE by Francis A. Schaeffer (InterVarsity, 271 pp., paper, \$3.50) Francis A. Schaeffer is a widely known author and spiritual leader who for twenty years has seen people flock to his conference center called the L'Abri Fellowship in Switzerland. Here men and women, young and old, students and mature people have gathered to learn the deeper things of the spiritual life and walk with God. In this book Dr. Schaeffer presents sixteen sermons on many subjects and numerous Bible characters. He has the ability to open the word of God and show its truths in such a way that people feel the message in their own hearts.

AMERICAN JEWS: COMMUNITY IN CRISIS by Gerald S. Strober (Doubleday, 295 pp., \$7.95) A careful analysis of the Jewish people in America and their relation to other Jews of the world. The author sees these American Jews as a community in crisis. He points out the dangers, the problems, and the needs, and proposes answers to crises he sees them facing.

peal to one segment of society. Baptist missionary spirit is in evidence all over the world.

Baptists have shaped the mind of the South for the century in which they have outnumbered all other churches together. Most youth in the South receive their training in Baptist churches. Baptist leaders point out that Biblical standards are the only right way to live, the only intelligent approach to social problems. How much worse America would be without this!

Baptists have always emphasized that the Bible is the sure guide to faith and life. All churches used to believe the Bible, but this is no longer true. The Bible gives Baptist preaching strength. Baptists hold tenaciously to the historic faith. The people of this land and every land hunger for the faith of redemption. No one has a monopoly on this, but the stumbling sinner and tired toiler who is each of us is always at home where he hears of the love of God and the mercy of Jesus.

Guest Editorial

What America Owes To Baptists

Charles G. Hamilton
Retired Episcopal Minister
Aberdeen, Miss.

More people in America attend church than in any other country. One major reason for this is that we have had for 200 years religious freedom and no state church. America owes the absence of a state church and the presence of religious freedom more to Baptists than to any others.

More Americans worship every Sunday in Baptist churches than in any other kind of church. More Baptists attend several services a Sunday. Night services mark living churches. In the past 50 years Baptists have added more members than the total membership of any but two other churches. Baptist churches are continually increasing in number. Who besides Southern Baptists have a million tithers?

Baptists tend to center their lives around their local church; it is one place where everybody is somebody. Baptists do not limit their ap-

NEWEST BOOKS

BIBLE TEACHING PROGRAM PLAN BOOK 1975-76 (Convention Press, \$1.50, paper, 40 pp.) This annual Bible Teaching Program Plan Book provides Sunday School general officers and other council members with suggested emphases and activities along with calendar and plan sheets for recording specific plans.

1975 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES GUIDE compiled and edited by Francis A. Martin (Convention Press, paper, looseleaf, 196 pp., \$2.85) This material lists and describes a number of suggested activities that might be included in a church's summer youth program. It gives ways to "keep on sharing" through Bible study, Church Training, music, missions, for girls, "mission action for boys, and recreation.

YOUTH WORKER'S GUIDE FOR A SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM (Keep On Sharing) by Mancel C. Ezell (Convention Press, paper, \$2.10, looseleaf, 81 pp.) This guidebook gives the summer youth worker specific information and administrative procedures to help him plan with the pastor, youth leaders, and youth in directing activities for youth in the summer.

PETRA, THE ROSE RED CITY by Howard C. Estep (World Prophetic Ministry, Inc., Colton, CA, 64 pp., paper, \$1.00) Just to the east of the lower end of the Dead Sea is one of the most amazing ruins in all the biblical lands. Here one finds Petra, the city whose great buildings were hewn into the rose red stone of the mountain walls. Petra was undoubtedly part of the kingdom of Edom, the hated enemy of the Jews. Those who have visited Petra say that it is one of the most fascinating finds in all the biblical world. It is shut-in by sheer mountain cliffs, approached only by twisting narrow gorge, and the buildings whose ruins remain are actually beautifully carved into the walls of the rock itself. In this book the author tells of a visit to this city and explains its relationship to the biblical message. The book

is illustrated with some of the pictures in color, revealing the pink stone of the fabled city. The author shows that scripture indicates that Petra still has a place in biblical prophecy.

GOD'S RECONCILING LOVE by Richard L. Hester (Convention Press, \$1 pp., \$6.5) A church study course book on how the love of God effects the life of Christian teenagers.

WHAT MORE CAN GOD SAY? by Ray C. Stedman (Regal, pocket book, 247 pp., \$1.45) A commentary on the book of Hebrews written by a conservative Bible scholar who is known for his able writing. The book analyses with freshness the great book of Hebrews and deals with its truths section by section. The author uses practical application and live illustrations to make the book live.

REVIVAL FOR SURVIVAL by Fred M. Barlow (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 177 pp., \$3.50) Can something be done to bring revival today? This Baptist leader who is with the General Association of Regular Baptists believes that revival is possible. He begins by saying that it is necessary for survival and then follows with messages on pertinent subjects related to how revivals come. The messages are much like spoken sermons with a personal appeal and call for Christians to meet God's requirements so that revival can come. Some of the subjects are very unusual, but they should challenge the Christian reader to see his place in God's plan for revival.

FREEDOM IN FAITH, A COMMENTARY ON PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS by H. D. McDonald (Revell, 157 pp., \$3.95) The author believes that the key word of Galatians is freedom and that that freedom is clearly presented in the book of Galatians. This commentary clearly outlines the apostle's message and interprets what he is saying for the modern Christian to see and understand. This is a fresh look at one of the great New Testament letters.



GREAT NEED OF THE HOUR

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Reader Says He Is Fed Up With "Peace-At-Any-Price Phonies"

Dear Dr. Odle:

I just finished reading the report in the Baptist Record on the Christian Life Commission's Seminar held in Louisville, Ky. As usual, the Christian Life Commission allows only one side of any issue to be discussed in its seminars. All tithing Baptists have been forced to contribute and sustain this frankenstein creature, and I for one am sick and tired of its glibberal stupidity.

Of course, Watergate must be "taught" by none other than that classic peace-monger McGovern. Anyone with "Give-up-itis" does not represent the thinking of Southern Baptists. It seems to me that Watergate has been used enough, and I would like to see it laid to rest with this prediction: that National Security was the real issue, the Plumbers found such a "red mess" that no one dares expose it, and that we will all rue the day we let NBC, CBS, the Washington Post and the New York Times bury us. We haven't heard the whole truth and we all know it. The same press that kicked Nixon out could have exposed the Chappaquiddick Cover-Up, but they didn't.

The most ridiculous and disgusting item to emanate from the "Seminar" was the statement by Hal Wingo, "May God have mercy on us if we are more concerned about our image and about our reputation of reliability (in support of Cambodia) than we are about the humanity which we are destroying with that continued arms assistance! Can anyone at the Christian Life Commission explain to me why it is o.k. for communists to shoot up the world, kill the innocent, starve the population, seduce governments all over the world, sign peace treaties and ignore them and it is never inhumane? It is only inhumane if anti-communists shoot back and kill a few Reds. The Cambodians have been doing their own fighting with a little ammo that we supplied them. The Reds signed the same peace treaty we did at Paris. We said we would withdraw. We withdrew. They said they would stop their unwarranted invasion and attack on Cambodia and South Vietnam. Have they done it? NO!

Mr. Editor, I am fed up with the peace-at-any-price phonies, whether they are in the U. S. Senate or the Christian Life Commission. I went to active duty three times; WWII, the Berlin Air Lift, and Korea. I know what war is all about. It is just what Sherman said it was, but there are worse things. One of them is slavery and if we keep listening to the McGoverns and Wingos we are soon going to be worshipping at Red Square and not in the comfort of our Southern Baptist Churches.

Harry L. Cole, Baptist Deacon
Ruth, MS 39662

North McComb Church Grateful For Cooperative Program

Dear Dr. Odle:

The people of McComb, and North McComb Baptist Church in particular, have been so richly blessed by the financial help sent after the tornado of Jan. 10. We want to express our thanks to our State Convention Board for their prompt, positive action and to the Home Mission Board for their help.

Some of our people had never seen Cooperative Program funds work. Now we know what it is like to share in the gifts sent by Southern Baptists. During this time of the anniversary of the Cooperative Program we want to say "thank you" to so many who helped when we needed it the most. You may be sure we believe in the Cooperative Program.

Joe H. Ratcliff, Pastor
North McComb Baptist Church

Light for Living

Chester E. Swor

The Ultimate Of Forgiveness

Our Lord has been subjected to the ultimate of humiliation and suffering in the hours preceding his crucifixion. Now, dying on the cross, he was still being taunted by the very people for whose reconciliation to God he had come to earth to effect. While they spat at him, reviled him, and dared him to come down from the cross, Christ, who was suffering the ultimate of suffering and humiliation, demonstrated the ultimate of forgiveness: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Despite Peter's deserting him in Gethsemane and denying him three times later that night, and despite Thomas' expressed doubts that Christ could rise from the grave, upon his resurrection Jesus spoke no word of reproof to Peter, and he dealt in infinite tenderness with the doubts of Thomas. . . never a word of recrimination! No one has ever been hurt as deeply and completely as was Christ, but his desire and capacity to forgive were even greater than all the hurts which he had suffered. Never has there been so great forgiveness, though all of us who are his followers, with unselfish desire and the help of HIS power, could practice forgiveness to the ultimate if we would!

Have you been deeply hurt by the actions of someone, or the victim of gross injustice, or a suffer from misunderstanding or misinterpretation, or the jealousy - envy - covetousness of those around you, and your heart tells you that you are completely innocent? If so, you have a clear choice: you can "wallow" in self-pity, burden all your friends and associates repeatedly with your "martyrdom," and carry through the years or through the remainder of life the unhealed wounds. Or, if you want to be a genuine disciple of our Lord, you can rise above the immature reactions to undeserved hurt to practice forgiveness to the ultimate, forgiving even those who aren't seeking forgiveness from you, and who, perhaps, are continuing their efforts to hurt you.

Impossible, you say? It's not impossible if, indeed, we began and are continuing to follow Christ on his terms: "Then he spoke to them all: If anyone wants to follow in my footsteps, he must give up all right to himself, carry his cross every day and keep close behind me" (Luke 9:23, Phillips translation). The finest personal victory in this post-Easter week for many of us could be the resolution to practice forgiveness to the ultimate, and to begin today!

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Mississippians Involved In New Church In Washington

By Robert F. Bratt and Charles Story
Charles and Charlotte Story, Mississippians, became first acquainted with the Northwest in 1961. After graduation from Mississippi State University, he accepted a job offer from Boeing Company, with whom he is now senior engineer.

After moving to the Northwest, they suddenly realized there were very few Southern Baptist churches.

Charles and Charlotte did not stay long, for in 1962 they went to Huntsville for Boeing, to work on the Apollo program which eventually led them to Slidell,

Louisiana. It was there they became a part of Bayou Baptist Church. Charles was elected as a deacon and ordained in 1966. About that time Charles began to feel a real evangelistic zeal and desire to serve the Lord in the Northwest.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Story, Sr., Charles had grown up in Laurel where he attended Second Avenue Church. Charlotte, daughter of an architect, was born in Gulfport but grew up in Jackson where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Biggers, are members of First Church.

In 1966, the family returned to the Northwest. They moved to

Renton, Washington, just out of Seattle, and became a part of the Trinity Baptist Church. About a year later, the Storys became acquainted with Queensgate Baptist Church. They were looking for a home to buy when they came into an area that seemed far too expensive for their standard of living. As they drove into the area they noticed a sign that read "Future Home of the First Baptist Church of Queensgate." There was excitement as they entertained the idea that God might be leading them here.

They found a beautiful home just two blocks from the future site of the church. Although it seemed overly expensive, God worked a miracle and they shortly thereafter moved into the new home.

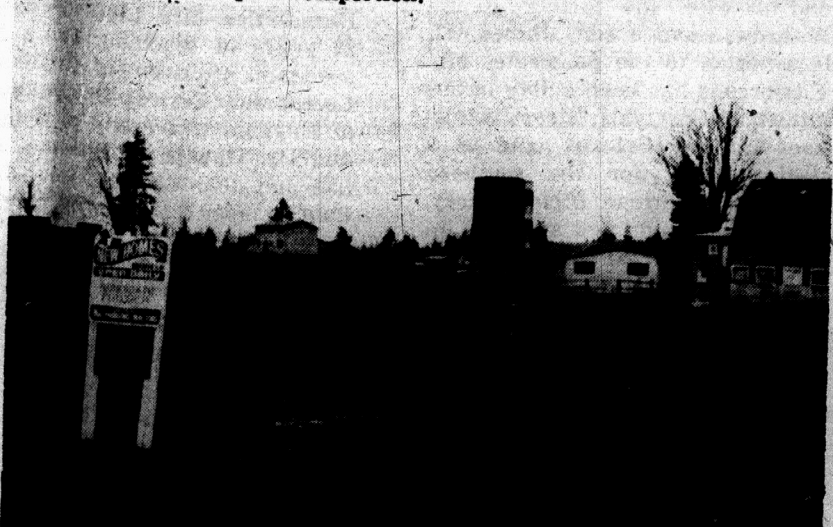
The following Sunday, the Storys met with four other families who helped start the church. That afternoon, the church was incorporated and the Storys became charter members.

The pastor of the church was W. D. Williams who had started a number of churches in the Northwest. Sunday School and services were held in the school and homes until the new sanctuary could be built. This was completed in 1972. Dr. R. G. Lee preached the dedication message. There was an auditorium that would accommodate about 120 and an educational module that would accommodate about 55.

Charles continues the story. . . In April of 1973, we called Robert Bratt as full time pastor all the way from Oklahoma. He had graduated from Southwestern Seminary four months earlier. This was really a big step of faith. My work was going to take me to Pasadena, California and Cape Kennedy, Florida for six months to launch the Mariner 10 spacecraft. We felt God's leadership in making our home available to the new pastor in that we had no place for the new pastor to live.

With a full-time pastor and a church field with so much potential, we almost immediately outgrew our facilities and began planning for our new educational

Waves of houses; and they have all already been sold. Families will be moving in upon completion.



There are so many new homes in Renton near Seattle that developments are reaching into the nearby countryside.



All of these homes, just a half mile from the church, are only six months to a year old.

building. With our basic needs being so great; gaining a full time pastor and two months later purchasing a new home for the pastor, our needs at least for a short period have become greater than our means. We meet our budget, but we have not accumulated enough to pay for a badly needed building. We have submitted plans for our new building with faith that God will help us meet the need. These plans have been approved by the Sunday School

Board and now we are making application for a loan. Our church cannot quite qualify for the amount we need in that we have a present loan for the new auditorium. Therefore, we are seeking back-home support from concerned churches who would like to share in this great ministry in the Northwest.

If we can make this first hurdle, then we will be prepared to reach the hundreds of souls in this area. Our challenge is great: our

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association of 42 churches and less than 6,000 members must minister and attempt to reach nearly two million people.

We only ask that fellow Mississippians help us to reach these souls. Pray for us, write us, and if God leads, help us financially. For every nine dollars of underwriting we can obtain on a three year commitment, we can borrow an additional \$1,000. We need approximately \$20,000 additional; therefore, our need is for churches to underwrite monthly payments of \$180 for a period of three years. If this is accomplished, we can take the next step in this great effort.

Pastor Bratt concludes: "When I first came they had a budget of around \$6,000 and now the budget is nearly \$25,000. That is what they have done in only twenty months."

"I have looked and hoped that one day I could find a church that was willing to step out of that kind of faith and now I have found that church and I am praying so hard that they will be able to get this underwriting so that the work can continue. I would hate to see this kind of faith fall by the wayside and I don't believe I will."

(Note: The church address is Queensgate Baptist Church, Box 387, Bothell, Washington 98011.)



Charles Story is active as deacon, choir member, RA leader, Building Committee member, and Sunday School teacher. Sometimes he supplies the pulpit, at Queensgate and other churches.



The Story family in front of their home in Queensgate, suburb of Renton, Washington. The six children are Steven 15; Suzanne 13; Charles 11; Timothy 9; Clifton 5; and Sandra 1.



The Story family at Queensgate Baptist Church.



Charlotte Story at the console of the organ. She is church pianist, as well as GA leader and Sunday School teacher.

Empty Crosses...

(Continued From Page 1)

Greeks, and the Russians have taken the basic forms of the cross and made it uniquely their own."

Miss Colvin began researching the various cross forms at the request of Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission. (Dr. and Mrs. Stevens presented the panel as a gift to the Commission.)

She visited numerous public libraries to pore over books, magazine clippings and files. This done, she went to her drawing board to spend more hours sketching white crosses on a gray cardboard background "to better study the shape."

"Sometimes, a small sketch looks attractive but when it's enlarged it has an entirely different look," she said. "A cross that still had artistically pleasing proportions after enlargement was considered for the panel."

Once the panel was designed on paper Miss Colvin still faced the problem of a craftsman to execute it in metal. "And a time element existed," she reminded. "Dr. Stevens wanted the panel ready for the building's dedication."

She searched over Fort Worth seeking a craftsman who could do the kind of work necessary in the time involved.

"I had just about given up when a young Dallas man named Bill Jamison just appeared in my office one day. He had done the puddle-bronzed legs of the glass-topped table in the lobby foyer. The building decorator had told him we were interested in doing a large panel in bronze."

Jamison asked for the job. "I recognized an answer to prayer, standing there in work clothes," said Miss Colvin.

Jamison rented an empty storage building on Fort Worth's 15th Street, brought his tools over and set up shop. As Miss Colvin drew the crosses directly on the metal, he cut them out with an electric saber saw, puddled them with the bronze — using a method similar to soldering — and the panel on its way.

"We still had some problems," Miss Colvin recalled. "The first crosses were cut from too light-weight a metal and once the bronze was puddled on them they wouldn't hold their shape."

But determination is sometimes

the better part of valor. A heavier metal was employed and by dedication the panel of crosses was in its place.

"Of course we had to take it all down later to finish the varnish and the final touches," Miss Colvin said, "but we made the dedication deadline."

Her favorite of the 28 crosses is the Quadrant Cross with the initials of the evangelists — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John — in it.

"I like it because the whole design forms a cross and the letters in each quarter of the form have a cross on them," she said.

"I also like the cross which represents Christ ruling the universe. Each of the crosses in the panel was selected purposefully. The cross designed after one found in the catacombs was deliberately put at the panel's top center because it was one of the earliest."

"Since completing the panel I've visited the catacombs and found several other forms and several other crosses that I wish I could have included."

Dr. Stevens' favorite of the crosses is the large one in the center of the panel with a crown superimposed over it. This cross, symbolic of the reward of the faithful in the life after death, "is what the Christian faith is all about, so we made that particular design larger than the others," said Miss Colvin.

Other crosses represented in the panel include the X-shaped cross known as St. Andrew's cross; a cross with the crown of thorns woven about its crossbars, and, at bottom left, a mariner's cross. This cross, in the shape of an anchor, has the Alpha and Omega signs hanging from the crossbars.

Above the Quadrant Cross is a cross containing a hand, representing the loving hand of Christ; a Three-Step Cross (the steps, from the top down, represent faith, hope, charity); and a Rainbow Cross, symbol of peace and reconciliation.

"We designed three of the crosses — the Trefol Cross, the Byzantine Cross, and the Maltese Cross — in patina copper without the puddle bronze to give us variety in the design," said Miss Colvin.

"Symbols are powerful tools of communication," said Dr. Stevens quietly, "and those empty crosses communicate a strong message: He is risen."

Blue Mountain Prof Maps Mississippi Caves

The scientist finds special value in the cave as a laboratory. "It's the only place in the world where there is total darkness," Dr. Knight said. Dark it is, after the spelunker turns the first corner and leaves the "twilight zone" found just inside the cave.

Vandals preceded the spelunkers in some Mississippi caves. "Pitts Cave has been a prime target of vandals. They go in and take stalactites or stalagmites. These speleothems take years to form. Perhaps people don't realize what they are doing when they take them. Once they are gone, we can't replace them. You just can't order the parts and make a cave."

Water is important to cave life. "The energy supply comes from flooding," Dr. Knight said. "All our caves flood at some time. All caves have their own temperature measurements and a constant temperature zone. Mississippi caves generally are in the 60 degree range."

Dr. Knight shares his knowledge with Blue Mountain College students, leading them in studies of caves in the New Albany area. "The students loved it," he said. "In the classroom, they have only lectures. The best way to explain the ecology of caves is to go to caves. It is the only logical place to go. The students can take temperature studies and examine the biological life. It is a tremendous experience for them."

While Dr. Knight is a sportsman, particularly fond of snow skiing, he believes "teaching comes first. And you have to supplement your teaching with research. You can do that in caving."

The caves of Mississippi have no snakes beyond the entrance "twilight zone." "You might accidentally find one that has fallen into the entrance, but that is rare. It has only happened once when I was caving."

Mississippi caves are more like corridors than chambers, familiar to tourists who have bought tickets to tour commercialized caves. These narrow, winding hallways under the red clay are inevitably muddy, frequently a close squeeze. But to spelunkers, it may be the best place to spend Saturday night.

"Some like to explore at night and sleep in the daytime, particularly when the temperature inside the cave is better that way," Dr. Knight said.

"Save Caves" is the motto of the Southern Mississippi Grotto of the National Speleological Society. The club adds: "Leave nothing but footprints, taking nothing but pictures, kill nothing but time."

Crawling on his hands and knees, a college professor has made history in Mississippi.

Dr. E. Leslie Knight, chairman of the science division at Blue Mountain College, is a part of a group which has discovered Mississippi is packed with caves.

"Alabama is known for its caves. It is one of the best known states for caving. Kentucky and West Virginia are good caving states," Dr. Knight said. "But this is the first major break through that has come on Mississippi caves."

Dr. Knight and a caving club headed by Dr. Bobby Irby, University of Southern Mississippi science educator, have located and mapped more than 50 caves in Mississippi in the past two years.

"When I was working on my master's at Ole Miss in 1967, nobody knew about all the caves in Mississippi," Dr. Knight said. "When I was doing my research,

I went to an Alabama cave. I was trying to find salamanders.

"People don't realize there are caves right here in North Mississippi. When they think of caves, they think of Mammoth Cave in Kentucky or something like that. What they call 'The Land of the Caves' is at New Albany. You can practically drive up to the caves."

"Pitts Cave in Wayne County is Mississippi's largest cave. But one of a thousand persons won't know about Pitts Cave."

What makes people seek out caves when most people never heard of them? "It's for the science and the sport," said Dr. Knight. "It tells a history of the area and is a great biological laboratory. There are beautiful sights in caves. It's a different world and a new world in there."

The days of measuring a cave by how many pounds of yarn it takes to run a line all the way through it are over. "We used to hear about a one pound cave or a two pound cave. That meant somebody used that much yarn to find the way back."

"The important safety feature is the light supply. You need two light supplies. I usually take a carbide lamp. I always wear a

hard hat too. You don't need rope equipment here in Mississippi. These are very short caves and they are horizontal. I have only found two caves that have drops.

"The only danger here is flooding. So you watch the weather reports and don't go when it may rain or right after a heavy rain."

"Mississippi caves are not that big. It usually takes, at the most, about three or four hours to locate one and go through it. We always let somebody know where we are going and the estimated time we will be back."

Caves are located by leg work. "We ask around," Dr. Knight said. "People may have never thought about a cave being in their back yard, but when you get to talking about a cave, some of them remember a place where they used to play and we check it out. It took three or four years to find a cave in Prentiss County. Sometimes you go right by one and don't see it. Or maybe the entrance has filled up with dirt. But once you break through, the cave is still there."

The only caving club in the state is called the Southern Mississippi Grotto. The grotto has mapped most of the caves it has explored. Together Dr. Knight and Dr. Irby have prepared a book, "Caves of Mississippi," soon to be published. It will serve both as a textbook and as an information source for budding spelunkers, as cavers are called.

"A cave by definition is anything that a person can crawl into beneath the ground," said Dr. Knight. "It should be at least 20 feet in length."

It takes curiosity and courage to explore the horizontal caves of Mississippi, but daring is required to go beyond these to the vertical caverns descending for hundreds of feet underground in some states.

"Rope is required in these. After 150 down, you have to have a special rigging," Dr. Knight said. "It's not like work. It's a thrill. It's exciting whether you're descending on ropes or making biological studies."

Dr. Knight of Tupelo prides himself on climbing, both above and under ground. "Caving is mountain climbing in the dark. In some caving, you do mountain climbing. Some people do it just for the sport of it and find it more challenging than mountain climbing."



BLUE MOUNTAIN "SPELUNKERS" AT WORK — Deda Bennett (left) of New Albany and Dianne Sparkman of Salisbury, Tennessee, both student cave explorers at Blue Mountain College, examine rock formations held by Dr. Les Knight, chairman of the science division at BMC, in front of the entrance to a cave just outside New Albany. Knight says that there are a large number of caves in North Mississippi and he belongs to a caving club which is mapping many of the caves in the state.

Acteens Conference Grows Into Bigger Hall

The National Acteens Conference (NAC) scheduled for Memphis, June 25-29, has been moved to a larger meeting hall because of overflow registration.

More than 5,000 persons have registered for the conference since registration opened Jan. 1, 1975. Revised plans call for NAC to be held in Cook Convention Center in Memphis, with seating for 8,000.

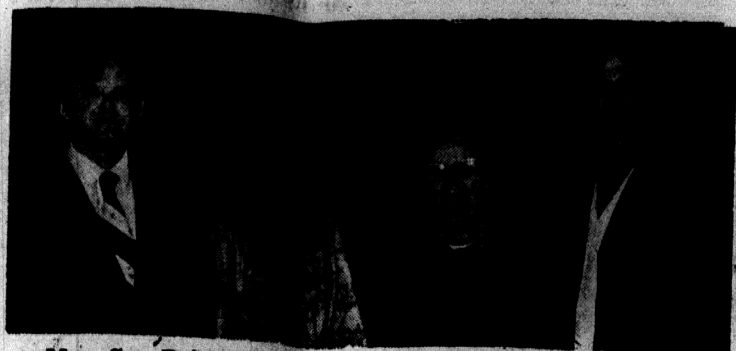
Names In The News

George W. Puckett, minister of music and youth at First Church, Port St. Joe, Florida, along with his youth choir and quartet, will present an hour of worship through music at the following churches: Sardis (Smith), April 5 at 7:30 p.m.; Paul Truitt Memorial, Pearl, April 6 at 11 a.m.; Union Church, south of Raleigh, April 6 at 7 p.m. Mr. Puckett, a native Smith County, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Puckett of Raleigh. His wife is the former Patricia Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoy Martin of Raleigh. The Pucketts have a daughter, Darla, and two sons, Marty and Phil.

Ginny Davis recently was promoted to editor of children's materials in the Sunday School department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Rev. Jimmie Fitzjerralls is entering full-time evangelism. He has served in the pastorate for 12 years, the last six years in Mississippi. Native of Illinois and MC graduate, he earned the Master of Theology Honors degree and will soon have completed requirements for the Doctor of Ministry degree from New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, the former Renda Withrow, have a son, James, 11. In addition to the pastorate, Mr. Fitzjerralls has been active in bus ministries, revivals, street ministries in New Orleans, and as a staff member for the southern office of American Bible Society. He may be contacted at 4080 Lipsey St., No. 11, New Orleans, La. 70126 (phone 504-283-2051).

Rev. G. C. Hodge, Ocean Springs, reports, "Twenty years ago while I was pastor of First Church, Biloxi, we organized a Baptist church at D'Herville, across the Biloxi Bay. Rev. E. D. Estes was their first pastor, Rev. J. F.



Mrs. Sue Price Lipsey (second from right), longtime English professor at Mississippi College, welcomed three of her former students back to campus to participate in the Sue Price Lipsey Lecture Series sponsored by the Division of Humanities. Mrs. Lipsey retired from the faculty in 1974 after 28 years of teaching. From left are Dr. Ralph D. Howell, assistant professor of English at MC and chairman of the Lecture Series; Dr. Peggy Frenshaw, associate professor of English, University of Southern Mississippi; Mrs. Lipsey; and Dr. George C. Pittman, chairman, Department of English and dean of the School of Humanities at Howard Payne College. (M. C. Photo by David Calder)

Johnson is their present pastor. He requested me to visit them on Mar. 23 and preach the 20th anniversary sermon. I did so and four people presented themselves for baptism and church membership. A noon fellowship meal was served in the church dining room."

Rev. Harvey W. Sewell has been ordained to the ministry by Liberty Church, Pontotoc County. Preaching as a layman for two years, he surrendered for the ministry in January and is now pastor at Liberty. His wife, the former Linda Pitts, and he have two children, Joy, 2, and Marty, 3 months.

James William Mercer was recently called as minister of music and youth at First, Nicholson. A student at New Orleans Seminary, he goes to Nicholson from Seminole Church, Tallahassee, Florida. He is a graduate of Florida State University and was licensed by Woodlawn Church, Crestview, Florida. He is married to the former Martha Dianne Jones of Fort Walton Beach. Pastor of the church is Rev. Jerry W. Stevens.

Rev. James Kenneth Parker was ordained to the ministry March 23 at Trinity, Carthage. He has accepted the pastorate of Midway (Leake). Dr. Harold Bryson delivered the ordination message. Rev. Percy M. Cooper, the Trinity pastor, presented the Bible.

Miss Delores Palmer has been elected as Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) director and campus ministries director for the four-year-old West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. Currently director of inner cities missions for the Pioneer Baptist Association in the Charleston, W. Va., area.



Recently Springfield Church honored Ted Cooper, above, for completing eleven years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Ted was presented her eleven year pin by the Sunday School director, Johnnie Lee Cooper, and Ron Mercer, Pastor, presented to her a red corsage and a certificate of appreciation and made the following statement about her "I know there are many times that Ted doesn't feel like coming, but she comes anyway because of her love for the Lord. I appreciate her for her fine spirit and the way that she loves everyone. If everyone loved others like Ted does, our world would be much different." (Ted has been afflicted since birth and has many health problems, which include heart disease, and almost complete blindness.)

Baptists' Story In Spain Among Those Televised

MADRID (BP) — Baptists were recognized in two interfaith Spanish television programs here.

Non-Catholic religious groups, including Baptists, were spotlighted in a recent 30-minute nationally televised special, according to European Baptist Press Service (EBPS).

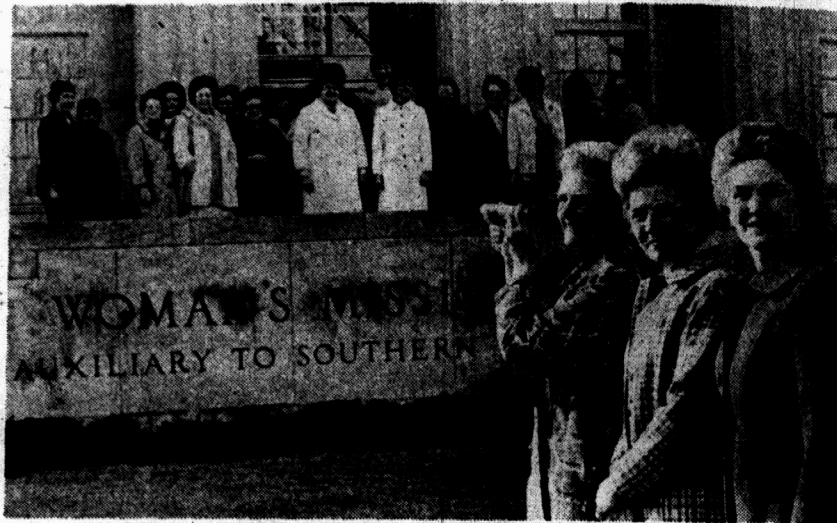
In another television religious special, EBPS said, Juan Luis Rodrigo, the pastor of First Baptist Church, Madrid, took part in a 30-minute televised panel discussion, with representatives of other Christian denominations, to highlight observance of "The Week of Christian Unity" in Spain.

Baptists were represented in the program on non-Catholic groups by filmed parts of a service in Second Baptist Church of Madrid. As representative parts of a worship service for each religious group were presented, the founding date, number of churches and members in the country were flashed on the screen.

State Brotherhood Shows Growth

Mississippi was among 16 state Baptist conventions which showed growth in Brotherhood enrolment during 1974, according to the Research Services Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The number of men and boys in Brotherhood work in Mississippi churches climbed by 701 to 21,774, or 3.3 percent.



Hold Spyglass On WMU Future

Ethel McKeithen (holding the telescope), Baptist Women director for Mississippi; Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the state WMU, and Mrs. Martha Nelson, WMU leader from Pelahatchie recently helped chart WMU plans for 1977-78. They were among 20 women invited to consult with the national WMU staff in Birmingham on long-range planning. Miss Patterson served as chairman of a sub-group which outlined the Week of Prayer for Home Missions for 1978.

Forest Ranger Materials Join Indian, Frontier Series

NASHVILLE — As Day Camping is becoming more and more a major thrust of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, the third set of undated materials for Day Camping — the Forest Ranger series — is now available for churches as they strive to reach children for Christ.

Along with the Indian and Frontier programs, the Forest Ranger theme completes the Day Camping materials to be published in this series. The complete series is based on a three-year cycle so churches can conduct their Day Camp program systematically,

according to Ray Conner, secretary of the church recreation department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Written by Bob Sessoms, consultant in that department and Day Camping specialist, the new materials deal with nature and conservation activities, nature crafts, campcraft, games, music, and worship activities. Based on the Forest Ranger theme, much of the material deals with activities surrounding a national forest or park.

"This material is flexible," says Conner, "and can be adapted for

2,500 Young Baptists Expected For Musicians' Festival In Jackson

One day every spring, young Mississippi Baptists take over the Coliseum in Jackson. Approximately 2,500 fourth, fifth, and sixth grade boys and girls from all over the state spend the greater part of a Saturday morning in April at the Coliseum rehearsing music and preparing for a mass concert which follows a hamburger lunch.

This year's Young Musicians' Festival will be held in the Coliseum April 12, with registration beginning at 9:15 a.m. The mass concert, to which the public is invited, is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Guest director this year will be Mr. Charles Crocker, minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Asheville, N. C. This will be a return engagement for Mr. Crocker who is well-known in the area of children's music and recordings.

The choirs, from Baptist churches throughout the state, will be rehearsing six selections that they will have memorized before coming to the festival. In Jackson, they will rehearse as a large group, putting on finishing touches.

Degree Exchange Deadline Extended — Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Board of Trustees has approved a proposal to extend the deadline of the B.D.-M.Div. exchange program.

Applications for the exchange will be accepted through July 31, 1975. For information concerning the program, contact Harold S. Songer, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky., or call him toll-free at (800) 626-5525.

any size church in the Convention. It can be used to minister to children in the church, as an instrument to reach out into the community, or can be adapted to mission action projects and choir mission trips. Resort ministries, child day care programs, camp programs, and neighborhood events can easily use this material."

All three Day Camping themes — Indian, Frontier, Forest Ranger — are available in Baptist Book Stores.

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es and adding special effects to complement the presentation. A highlight of this year's festival will be entertainment by John Bewley, director of recreation at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, and well-known ventriloquist and magician. Miss Jackie Pearson of Jackson will be the festival accompanist.

An added feature of this year's festival will be an optional adjudication session on Friday evening, April 11, at Broadmoor Baptist Church, for groups desiring adjudication. Choirs planning to participate in the festival or the adjudication session who have not yet registered through the Church Music Department should do so immediately by writing to P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 39205, in care of Nan Grantham.

Billingsly Accepts Post In Utah-Idaho

SALT LAKE CITY (BP) — C. Clyde Billingsly Jr. has been named missions and Brotherhood director for the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

The convention's executive secretary, Darwin E. Welsh, previously had responsibility for missions and Brotherhood work and will continue to direct the convention's language missions work.

The Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board will share financing with Utah-Idaho Southern Baptists for the new post.

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WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE BOARD OF Trustees initiate new J. D. Lewis Board room during recent dedication ceremonies for renovated administration building, Tatum Court. The entire 15-man board, composed of outstanding area-wide, as well as Mississippi-wide, representation was joined in the photo by four college administrators. From left to right trustees seated are: John D. Thomas, Mrs. Carroll

Gartin, Dr. T. E. Ross, Jr., Rev. Tom Rayburn, Rev. P. C. Perkins, Rev. Bobby Perry, Dr. Dudley Wilson, Dr. Bruce Aultman, (president of the Board); Dr. James T. Thompson, Mrs. Owen Cooper, Dr. Robert J. Eustice, Lewis Fowler, Kaiser Runnels, Dr. Earl Green, and Rev. Frank Gunn. Standing in rear: President J. Ralph Noonkester, J. D. Sims, Hugh Dickens, and Joseph M. Ernest.

Need A Summer Music Worker In Your Church?

"Summer is just around the next corner, and the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will again offer services through the Summer Student Missionary Program," sates Dan Hall, director of the department.

"This program is available to all Southern Baptist churches of limited means and music leadership to establish and improve music ministries. The student music workers are carefully selected and oriented by personnel of the Church Music Department."

Some specific benefits of having a summer worker for a one- or two-week event are: HELPS PROVIDED FOR PIANISTS, SONG LEADERS, CHOIR WORKERS; IMPROVED CONGREGATIONAL SINGING; OPPORTUNITIES TO BEGIN NEW CHOIRS; IMPROVE PRESENT CHOIRS; EXPOSURE

TO NEW MUSIC, CREATIVE IDEAS FOR WORK SERVICES.

A bonus that comes with the summer worker is a free copy of the cassette tape, "Introduction to Choir Singing."

This program will begin the week of June 15 and go through the week of August 3. For more information contact the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

"A limited number of students are available to work in churches for the entire summer. If your church is interested in having a worker all summer, indicate your

need, and the Church Music Department will work with you," says Mr. Hall.

Twice as many people are engaged in clerical work now as there were in the 1940s. Maybe we don't know what's going on, but we're getting it all down on paper.—The Rotamorr, Morris, H.

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God's Glory In Creation

By Wm. J. Falls
Psalm 104

Children learn the stories of Noah, Moses, and David. Youth become acquainted with the Ten Commandments and the prophets who urged both kings and people to obey the Lord. But adults sometimes have trouble with the Old Testament as a whole. It is so varied in literary form, so far removed from our urban life; it has so many different books and has no clear narrative line through half its content—for these reasons some adults admit they do not understand the Old Testament. This lesson begins

a two-month study that ought to help them. We will be looking at some great themes in the Old Testament, which is a good way to find out what it is all about.

The Lesson Explained
God's Greatness In The Sky
Verses 1-4

This is a psalm about God and his creation, which is one of the great themes of the Old Testament. Certainly its writer was well acquainted with the first chapter of Genesis. He sees God first in his awesome majesty when light was created and the foundations were laid for both the heavens and the earth. Of course he used the thought forms of his day instead of those of our time. The heavens (also called the firmament) formed both the ceiling of the world and the floor to support

the waters above the earth. Upon those waters were laid the beams of God's heavenly abode.

Splendid and invisible, God wrapped himself in light as though it were a robe. So a poet describes the indescribable! Besides, the invisible God uses clouds for his chariot and moves swiftly with the winds. Verse 4 is clearer in "Today's English Version"; "You use the winds as your messengers, and flashes of lightning as your servants." The Hebrews used the same word for spirit and wind, and the word for angel meant messenger. Of course, "ministers" here means servants rather than religious leaders.

God Controls The Sea
Verses 24-30

The Hebrews were not known as

seafaring men, like the Egyptians and Phoenicians. The ocean's size, power, and mystery had impressed this poet. He knew that wild animals on land were sustained without man's help (v. 11). Certainly the multitude of fish and sea creatures were wholly dependent on God's care; whatever they need comes from his bounty. While some can hardly be seen, the sea monster leviathan seems to play in the water. They all depend on God for life itself; even new life among them is the result of his creative breath. Breath is better than "spirit" in verse 30. God's creation keeps on going despite death and disaster.

Nowhere in this psalm does the writer confuse the Creator with any part of his creation. While the pagan neighbors of the Hebrews worshiped the sun, moon, or some animal, the psalmist and prophet insisted that God not only made all things but he also sustains the living world. Verse 24 captures in a few words the poet's wonder and praise. The Lord is the Creator; he is different from creation and far above and beyond any part of it. Many Christians assume that all religious people have this same view of God and the created universe, but it is not so.

Rejoice In His Creation
Verses 31-34

Scholars who have translated some ancient writings have found a poem by a pharaoh of the fourteenth century B. C. that is similar to Psalm 104 at several points. The crucial difference is that the Egyptians were praising the sun-god; he worshiped a created thing. The Hebrew psalmist could have known of that writing, and he could have borrowed ideas and phrasing, but it was the Spirit of God who led him to proclaim Yahweh (the Lord) as one, as eternal, and as Creator of all

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things. But the psalmist ends his song with a prayer that his meditation will please the Lord "as I show my joy in him." The Hebrew was confident that his God was a Person, far above all other persons, but he wanted to communicate with them. The psalmist rejoiced in his God and intended to sing his praises throughout life. After all, it was the awesome power of God that caused the earth to quake and the mountains to smoke, but he knew that the Lord intended good for his creatures. Even when threatened by natural disaster, the psalmist would "sing unto the Lord."

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Church: God's Own Doing

By Bill Duncan
Eph. 1:1-14

This lesson begins a new unit of study for our Bible lessons. Some of the Scripture will be taken from the book of Ephesians and the unit is entitled, "The Church—God's New People." Most persons who study Ephesians believe that the central theme is unity—the unity of the church as the body of Christ.

There may be a larger concept of God's eternal purpose to unify all things in Christ. Throughout the Ephesian letter, Paul insists that God is working out his purpose for mankind by calling men to Christ and by forming in Christ a new redeemed society. This redeemed society is called in the book, God's heritage, God's building, Christ's body, the church, one new man. The main idea in all these figures is that God now has an elect people in the world. Through them God's purpose is being worked out and through them he plans to effect his intentions for the whole universe.

The first three chapters of Ephesians will be studied in the sub-topic of "God's new people—their calling." Chapters four, five and six will be studied under the sub-topic, "God's new people—their conduct."

In our world today, without Christ there is nothing but disunity and disharmony. Every man is a walking civil war. Worst of all there is separation between God and man. Man who was meant to be in fellowship with God is estranged from God because of his sin. Even in the church there is disharmony and disunity because of a lack of love. Unity can only be achieved when all things, all men and all powers are united in Christ.

How will this unity be achieved? God has taken the initiative and provided Christ as the instrument of reconciliation and the church as Christ's instrument of reconciliation. It is the church that preaches that Christ is the means of unity. This is all God's own doing. He is the center of everything.

THE GREETING

Paul chooses to give as his title the word apostle. In the New Testament the term apostle is a reference to a select group of men who had a special and direct commission from Christ and who went forth endowed with His power and clothed with His authority. In affirming his apostleship, Paul is actually asserting his right to address his readers. His apostleship is "through the will of God." Then the divine origin is of God's doing.

Paul's greeting to those faithful in Christ Jesus was grace and peace. Grace is God's favor given forth upon the undeserving. Peace

is "the full and harmonious life which individuals and groups experience as a result of accepting God's grace in their lives."

This greeting is in the form of a prayer. This is really the purpose of the entire book: To see that the readers experience God's purpose for them and enjoy the peace of unity.

A DOXOLOGY: THE BLESSINGS

Our "Doxology" that we sing is, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc. But Paul seems to have written a doxology structured as a Jewish prayer-pattern. Instead of the customary thanksgiving, there is a majestic hymn of praise to God. In the Greek text verses 3-14 constitutes one long involved sentence. When the periods appear in the KJV at the end of verse 6, 12, and 14, there should be some other grammatical indication. The inspired hymn falls into three stanzas. The first (vv. 3-6) relates to the gracious purpose of the Father. The second relates to the work of Christ. The third relates to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Each stanza closes with a sort of refrain of praise: "to the praise of the glory of his grace" (v. 6), "to the praise of his glory" (v. 12), and unto the praise of his glory (v. 14). The entire passage is an ascription of praise to God for His gracious benefits to His people.

PURPOSE OF THE FATHER

The people of God have come to be because of the call of God. It was God who chose Paul, others and us to serve Him. The choice was to bless us with blessings which were not even found in heaven. The purpose of God's choice was that we might be holy and blameless. The Christian was to be different from other men.

The plan of God is commonly referred to as the doctrine of election. There are two key expressions used to give the plan of God: "hath chosen" and "having predestinated." The doctrine may best be stated as God's gracious and sovereign choice of individual

sinners to be saved in and through Christ. This teaching deals a blow to human pride that seeks to save mankind.

THE WORK OF CHRIST

Sonship and membership in God's family are made possible on the ground of redemption. This deliverance is not effected without cost, for by His blood, Christ obtained His people's liberation from the tyranny of sin. The plan of redemption and forgiveness are but part of the entire work of Christ. This is a plan which God will fulfill in His own way and according to His invincible will.

Christ performed His God-appointed role on a cosmic scale by gathering the fragmented parts of human life into a whole. Christ is a universal Saviour and the divine plan embraces the world.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

Paul concludes the doxology by considering the process by which God's saving power comes to be effective in human lives. The way to Christ is the same for all. Hearing the word of truth or the gospel is the first step. Then a trusting acceptance of Him as Saviour and Lord. The ministry of the Holy Spirit gives to the person who is saved the assurance that he belongs to the people of God. The Holy Spirit is the witness in the believer that Christ lives as Lord.

One term used to describe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is sealed. The seal was used to denote ownership.

The other term used is, "earnest." "The Holy Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance," v. 14. The word earnest was a legal and commercial term used as a deposit. The presence of the Spirit in the believer's life is God's pledge that the Christian will one day have complete redemption and will enjoy all the fullness of the inheritance laid up for him.

All of the blessings are the results of the work and plan of God which are shown in His calling sinners to be the people of God—the church.

Broadmoor, Jackson, Begins Services For Spanish-Speaking

Broadmoor Church, Jackson, has begun Sunday school and worship services for Spanish-speaking persons. On March 16, the first Sunday these Spanish services were held, there were 18 present for the worship service and eight for Sunday School.

David Glaze, MK from Argentina and student at Mississippi College, is preacher for the worship services which begin at 10:45 a.m. in Broadmoor's Fellowship Hall. His wife, Gloria, MK from Guam, played the piano for the first service.

Raul and Esther Garcia, former Cubans, now U. S. citizens, teach the Sunday School classes. (Sunday School begins in the church's Conference Room at 9:30 a.m.) Mr. Garcia is employed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, to assist in maintenance of the Baptist Building.

Keith Stamps, MK from Ecuador and Mississippi College student, is leading the music for the Spanish services.

Mrs. Thomas Cline, Broadmoor member, daughter of a Latin American pastor in Texas, said, "As far as I know, these are the first Spanish worship services held in Jackson. This is really an answer to prayer. The Lord has blessed us."

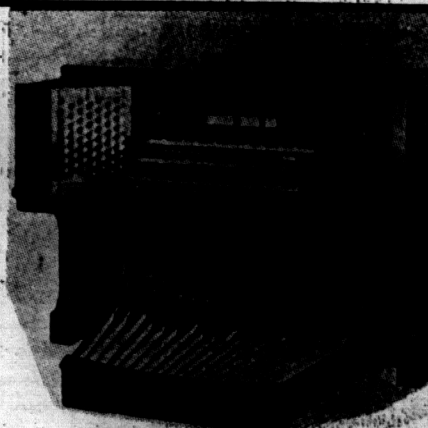
Broadmoor Church is supplying the Spanish literature, bought from the Spanish Publishing House—quarterlies, Bibles, and hymnals. Mrs. Cline said, "Our pastor, Dr. David Grant, and others in the church have showed much enthusiasm, and are praying for this ministry."

Mrs. Cline and Mr. and Mrs. Garcia visited every name on the list of people they thought might be interested—and every one on the list expressed an interest in the services.

Spanish-speaking residents of the city, including doctors at the University Medical Center, are from Venezuela, Spain, Cuba, Mexico, Texas, Argentina and other South American countries.

Dallas College Given 478 Acres

DALLAS (BP)—Dallas Baptist College has been given more than 478 acres of land in two separate tracts, one over 300 acres and the other 178 acres, by an anonymous donor from Fort Worth. The 300 acres in North Texas were said to be worth \$1 million, while the smaller tract in Fort Worth—was estimated at \$600,000, the Baptist Standard reported college spokesmen saying.



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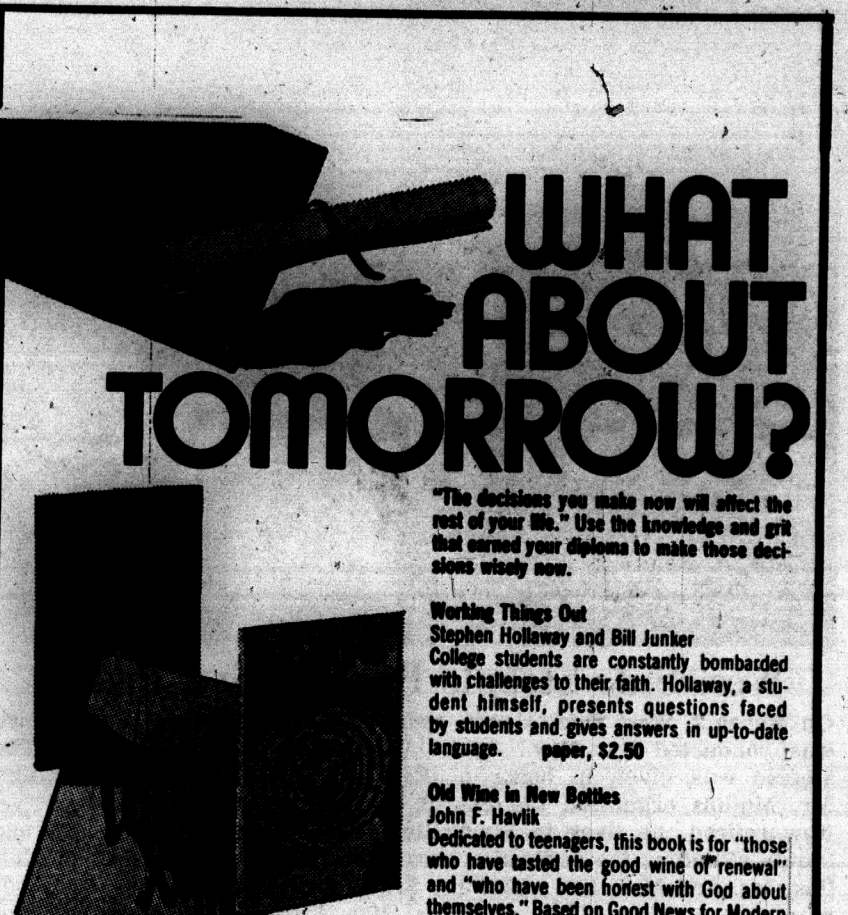
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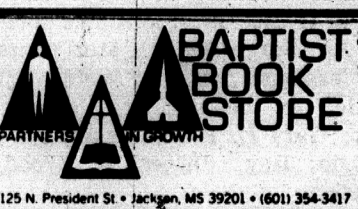
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Just For The Record



Blue Bird Bus—Gift To Briarwood

Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson, has received a new air conditioned Blue Bird travel bus as a gift from one of its families, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Harkness. The pastor, Rev. Louis Smith, (left) is shown shaking hands with Mr. Harkness, while Tom Byrd, minister of music and youth, looks on.

The 44 passenger bus will be used in the church's program with their children, youth, and adults. The church music ministry has planned a youth choir tour into Alabama and Florida this summer. The bus will transport a group of women on a mission tour of New Orleans on April 25. The church operates a Day Care and Kindergarten program that will take advantage of this travel facility.



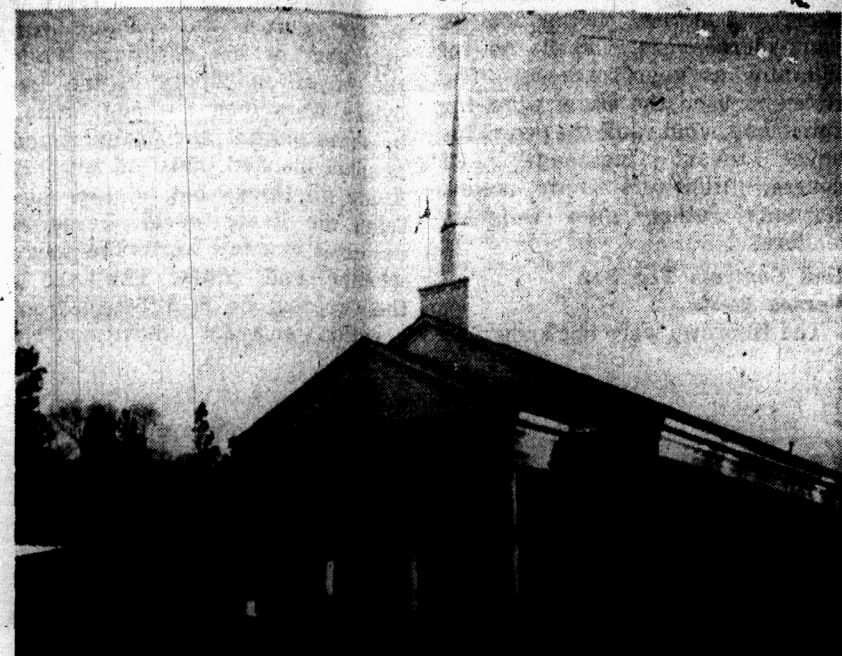
West Side Steeple Honors First Pastor

On March 2, West Side, Macon, dedicated a new steeple. The service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Woolbright, former pastor. The steeple was given in honor of Rev. C. S. Mullins by his family. Mr. Mullins organized the church in 1935 and was its first pastor. Now retired, he lives in Starkville. Those members of the Mullins family attending the dedication service were Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mullins, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. James P. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nance, Mrs. Ralph C. Sykes and Robin, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Swain. The family is shown with Rev. Mullins in center. Rev. Kenneth Overby is now pastor.

Big Creek Church (Wayne) recently honored their pastor and family with a surprise anniversary gift. The members prepared a money tree which yielded its fruit in the amount of \$178. Rev. Franklin McLelland had been pastor of Big Creek two years, March 25. He is married to the former Towanda Gibson of Meridian and they are the parents of two children; Stephanie, 6, and Mark, 3.

Anguilla Church is building new Sunday School rooms. Rev. Robert J. Smith, pastor, has just returned from a seminar held in Dallas under the leadership of Dr. W. A. Criswell.

Laurel Hill Church, Neahoba County, will dedicate their fellowship hall and kitchen on April 6. These are now completed and paid for. Rev. Carter Tucker is pastor.



Fair River Church, Lincoln County will dedicate a new sanctuary, above, on April 6. Rev. Leonard Smith of Brookhaven will

preach the dedication sermon at 2 p.m. The special service will follow a morning service and dinner on the grounds. Rev. Danny Watkins is pastor.

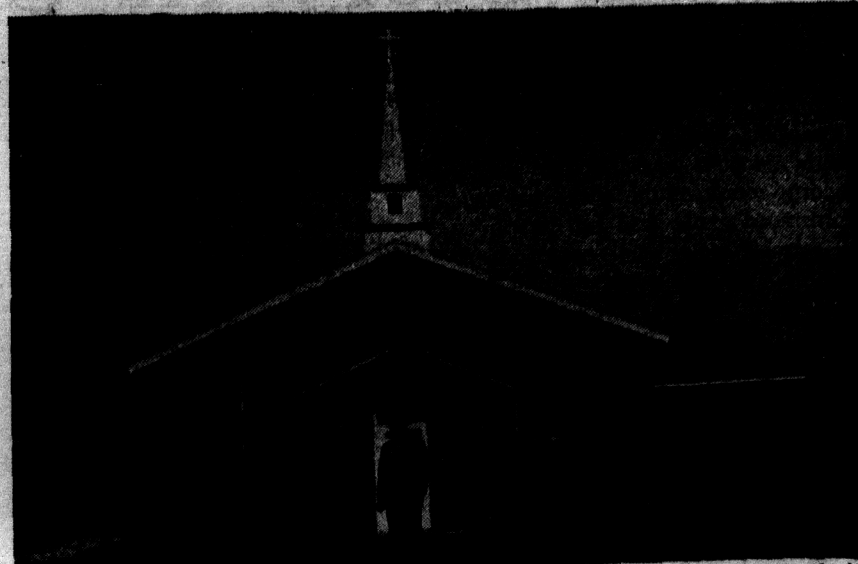


Tillatoba Church has called Rev. Lee Hudson as pastor. He served as pastor of Temple Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma, before moving to Tillatoba. Pictured are Mr. Hudson, his wife, Olivia; daughter, Merle, 21 months; and son Wendell, 13. Son Ralph, 18, is not shown. Mr. Hudson attended New Orleans Seminary and graduated from Luther Rice Seminary in Florida.

Olivet Homecoming

Olivet Church, Gulfport, will observe its ninth year of service on April 6. Since its inception in April 1966 Olivet has grown from 55 members meeting in the Orange Grove Lion's Club facilities to almost 400 members meeting in modern facilities valued at more than \$250,000. During the past three years Olivet has more than doubled in membership and her budget has increased from \$14,000 to \$57,000.

Homecoming activities will begin at 9:45 a.m., highlighted by the presence of former pastors and past members. The Bibleson Quartet and the Olivet Trio will provide special music. A covered dish meal will be served. An afternoon service will begin at 1:30. Rev. Floyd E. Hughes is pastor.



First Church, Orange Grove, near Pascagoula, will dedicate their remodeled, enlarged church plant on April 6, according to Rev. H. L. Davis, above. There are six new Sunday school rooms. The auditorium has been remodeled and carpeted. (See "Revival Dates.") After dinner on the grounds April 6, Dr. Leroy E. Green of Pascagoula will lead the dedication service at 2 p.m.



Twin Lakes (DeSoto) on March 23 observed a special groundbreaking service. Plans are to begin immediate construction of their first unit, temporary auditorium, office space and Sunday School rooms. Left to right: George White; Rev. Ralph Stovall, pastor, Twin Lakes; Rev. Jack Nazary, pastor, Colonial Hills; Glenn Norton; Bill Melin, Ed Allen. This church was begun as a mission of Colonial Hills December 1973, with Rev. Ervin Brown, director of missions (DeSoto), as mission pastor. They met in a mobile chapel provided by the State Convention Board, on a site obtained by the association. Rev. Ralph Stovall was called as first pastor. Sunday School attendance has averaged almost 100 in the past several weeks and the church is supporting the Cooperative Program and associational missions. The building in the background is the State-Convention-owned mobile chapel. This is the second church begun in this unit; the first was Parkway, Hernando.

Evangelist Jerry Mixon of Petal will be the featured speaker for Awards Day at Morton High School. An annual affair for the presentation of awards to faculty and students, the event will be April 8.

CURITIBA, Brazil — Miss Sophia Nichols, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil for 27 years, was honored recently for 20 years of service as executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Brazil.

Revival Dates

Cedar Bluff: April 13-18; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jim Futral of Gulfport, evangelist; Jerry Beatty of Louisville, singer; Rev. Larry Hill, pastor; special concert by Jerry Beatty Friday night at 8:30 p.m.

Emmanuel, Biloxi: April 6-11; services at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Marvin Tuck of New Kent, Va., evangelist; James Lott of Gulfport, singer; Rev. Joe Ivy, pastor.

First, Okolona: April 13-18; Evangelist Jerry Mixon, preaching; Roddy Simmons, singer; Rev. Roy McHenry, pastor.

Harland's Creek (Holmes): youth revival; April 11-13; Rev. Billy Vale, preacher; Ricky Willis, singer; Debra Ford, pianist; Rev. C. M. Day, interim pastor.

First, Orange Grove: April 6-11; services at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. R. R. Darby of Gulfport, evangelist; Lamar Callahan of Moss Point, singer; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor.

Immanuel, Hattiesburg: April 6-11; (services will open with a note burning ceremony); Dr. R. Elmer Vielsen, evangelist; Mike Latham, music evangelist; Rev. S. B. Boyett, pastor.

McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl: April 6-9. Rev. Louis Smith of Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson, evangelist; Eddie Prather, directing music; Dr. Eugene H. Dobbs, pastor.

Madison (Hinds-Madison): April 6-11; Sunday services 8:30, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Harold Kitchings, preacher; Eva Carol Aultman Hart, soloist; Bill Clark, music director; Rev. Billy McKay, pastor.

Forest Church: April 6-11; services 7 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Earl Kelly, evangelist; James B. (Buddy) McElroy, singer; Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor.

Glendale Church, Leland: April 13-18; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Robert Miles, pastor of Highland, Crystal Springs, evangelist; Charles Clark, singer.

Rawls Springs, Hattiesburg: April 13-18; Rev. Herbert Howell of Pontotoc, evangelist; Rev. Bill Mitchell, pastor, song leader; services at 7:30 p.m.

First, Nicholson (Pearl River): youth revival; April 11-13; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Larry Garner, pastor of Spring Cottage, Columbia, evangelist; James Mercer, in charge of music; Rev. Jerry W. Stevens, pastor.

First, Brooklyn: April 6-11; services Sunday morning; each evening at 7:30; Rev. Bob Eisenburg, Crestview, Florida, a former Air Force football star turned professional wrestler before sunder to the ministry, evangelist; Gary L. French, minister of music; Rev. James A. Woody, pastor.

Algoma (Pontotoc): April 6-11; Rev. Charles Stubblefield, pastor, Ecru, evangelist; services 7 p.m.; Rev. David Yeager, pastor.

Lakeview, Leland: April 6-11; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Granville Watson, pastor, Moorhead Church, evangelist; Gene Green, music director, Southside, Greenville, song leader; Rev. Charles Everitt, pastor.

Calvary, Pascagoula: April 20-25; Dr. Vance Haver, evangelist (well-known preacher and author); services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Sunday, and at 6 p.m. followed by Church Training; Rev. James Miller, singer; Mrs. Kent H. Gordon, organist; Mrs. Van Graham, pianist; Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the Sanctuary Choir; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor.

Derma: April 4-6; Rev. Gene Neal, Leland, evangelist; Thad Pritchard, Belzoni, song leader; services 7:30 p.m. Fri and Sat.; 11 and 7 on Sunday; Rev. Robert Jackson, pastor.

First, Runnestown (Perry): April 4-6; youth revival; Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Department of Cooperative Missions, MCB, evangelist; youth in charge of music; services at 7:30 p.m.

Center Hill, Hamilton: April 13-18; services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Ferrell Cork, pastor, First, Aberdeen, evangelist; Marvin Taylor, in charge of singing; Rev. Herbert Redd, pastor.

Union Church, Brandon: April 6-11; Rev. A. E. Hester, evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. A. McCain, pastor.

Plainway To Honor Pastor On 25th Year

On April 6, Plainway Church, Laurel will honor the pastor, Rev. Harold C. Ishee, on his 25th anniversary. He began his service with the church when it was a mission with nine members. Present membership is 540.

The pastor and wife will be honored with a reception after the evening service April 6.

On the same date the church will observe Homecoming, and will recognize former members in the morning service. "Dinner on the grounds" will be served.

One unusual thing about this church and pastor is that, with the exception of a brief interim at Enon Church in Jasper County, this is the only church Mr. Ishee has pastored and he is the only pastor the church has ever had.

In 1956 the church relocated from Joe Wheeler Avenue to Highway 15 North where a new complex, including a sanctuary, educational building, pastorial, lighted softball field, basketball and volleyball court and off-street parking lot, was constructed. The church is now debt free, and the paid note will be presented to the congregation at the morning worship on April 6 for framing.

Plainway Church gives 10% of its budget to missions through the Cooperative Program and 2% through Jones County Association.

National Library Week April 13-19

Revival Results

Big Creek Church, Waynesboro: March 16-21; 7 professions of faith; many rededications; Rev. Roy Garrison, evangelist; W. N. "Pat" Powell, leading singing; Rev. Franklin McLelland, pastor.

Anguilla Church: March 2-9; Rev. Luther Slay (with WIN Evangelism in Texas), evangelist; Wayne Slay, the evangelist's son, singer; nine professions of faith; over 30 rededications and letters moved; Rev. Robert J. Smith, pastor.

Bethel (Lincoln): March 16-23; Loyd Wallace, youth pastor; Mike K. Carr, senior at William Carey College evangelist; Ronnie McCall, BSU Choir Director at South West Jr. College, and Mike Moak of Bogue Chitto, singers; five professions of faith; numerous rededications; Rev. Doug Benedict, pastor.

Friendship, Columbus: March 14-16; Evangelist Keith Fordham of Forest Park, Ga.; music evangelist, Byron Cutrer of Osyka; 36 rededications; Rev. James Edwards, pastor.



Deacon And Wife Die At Louin

Recently Louin Church lost two noteworthy members. Mrs. Nina Gardner died on January 26, 1975 and the death of her husband, Ezra Gardner, followed immediately on February 13.

They were both active in all phases of church life. Mrs. Gardner served in W.M.U. for many years. "Brother Ezra," as he was affectionately called, had been a deacon for 40 years and also taught a Sunday School class for many years. He served as church clerk for 20 years, church treasurer for 22 years. Mr. Gardner also served as State Convention Board Member of Jasper County in the early 1940's.

"Their passing leaves a vacancy not only in the hearts of their many friends, but in the work of our Lord among the Baptists in Jasper County," states Rev. Howard Davis, pastor.

Devotional

The Afterglow Of Easter

By Glenn Sullivan, Pastor, Oakhurst, Clarksdale
Luke 24:13-35

"The first Easter had just been celebrated. The fantastic story of the defeat of death has been retold and another generation is catching the freshness of the living Christ. Our hearts continue to 'burn' within us as the afterglow of Easter lives on.

How can we keep it?
I. Comprehending the Scripture — After the resurrection there was a new understanding of the scriptures and how they related to Christ. The risen Lord had revealed now the Scriptures referred to him. The early church made extensive use of the Book, at least as much of it as they had. It took on new meaning as interpretation was made in the light of the Messiah. This is still an essential part of the dynamic Christian life.

II. Sharing in Worship — The early church shared in group worship. At first they huddled together filled with fear and doubts. All this changed to joy and hope as the impact of the resurrection began to be felt. They met and shared their joy in worship. As the two on the way to Emmaus were spiritually enlightened so our Lord can do it now. Such a change can come now when the living Christ touches our minds and opens our eyes and hearts as we join together with the unity of spirit and purpose in worship.

III. Surrendering in Service — As they journeyed to Emmaus these two felt sorry for themselves there was a deep sadness on them. After our Lord opened the scriptures and shared with them they turned outward to think about others. In our world a vibrant Christian should be busy in making our resurrected Christ known to others and serving in his name. If these had not served, their vision would have vanished.

IV. Dwelling in Hope — These two seemed to believe the past was dead and the future hopeless. However, after spending time with Christ they became secure about the past and radiant in hope for the future. They committed their future to the One who had died for them. Today each of us who have committed our lives to Christ live in that same hope. The followers of Jesus are the most secure people on earth.

In daily study, worship, service, and hope we have the ingredients for the radiant life. The afterglow of Easter is still available for the church.

West Side, Macon

Dedicates Baptistry

West Side Church, Macon, Mississippi, on March 9 dedicated its new baptistry, given by Rev. E. C. Farr, a former pastor, now retired. The topic of the sermon preached by Mr. Farr, was "Why Baptize?"

Dr. Eugene Farr, brother of Rev. Farr, led in the dedication service closing with prayer. Immediately following, a baptismal service was held for eight candidates-five from Westside and three from Wahalak Church, Kemper County.

The participating pastors were Rev. Kenneth Overby, pastor of West Side, and Rev. Tommy Anderson, pastor of Hopewell (Newton). Mr. Anderson had previously held a revival at Wahalak and upon request conducted baptismal services for that church.

Off The Record

A lad came home from WW II in the South Pacific and was taking his girl friend through the zoo.

When they came to the kangaroo enclosure, never having seen one, she exclaimed, "Good gracious, what kind of animal is that?"

"That's a kangaroo," the boy friend said, "a native of Australia."

"Heaven help us," the girl screamed. "My sister married one of them." — LEO AIKMAN, Atlanta Constitution.